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Holy Week & Easter

10 April – Palm Sunday

09:30 Palm Sunday Eucharist and Blessing of Palms

11 April – Celtic Holy Communion

20:00 Said Celtic Holy Communion

12 April – Holy Communion

10:00 Said Holy Communion

20:00 Said Holy Communion

13 April – Holy Communion

20:00 Said Holy Communion

14 April – Maundy Thursday

20:00 Sung Eucharist of the Last Supper,
Stripping the altar and Gethsemane watch

15 April – Good Friday

11:00 Children's Stations of the Cross

13.00-14.00 Meditations at the foot of the Cross

14:00 Sung Liturgy of Good Friday

16 April – Easter Eve

20:30 Easter Vigil - *includes the new fire,
renewal of baptismal vows,
and the First Eucharist of Easter*

17 April – Easter Day

09.30 Sung Eucharist of Easter Day

11:15 St Mary's for All – all-age service
*for the family and Easter Egg hunt, followed by
a bring-your-own picnic at the Vicarage*



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Fr Mark Stafford writes

Dear All

Thank you for your warm welcome to Ewell. Lucy and I are beginning to find our way around and are discovering lots to do and see in the village. We are now part of the planning group for the Queen's Jubilee celebrations and looking forward to meeting lots of new people in the village.

A few nights ago, we were reflecting on our situation and the upheaval of moving (albeit just a few miles from Kingston). Moving for us was a choice and something we were looking forward to, to start a new life in a new place with great opportunities, wonderful house, Church, and a welcoming new Church family.

However, for others in the world moving is not such a positive experience, some need to migrate to escape political oppression, others to find work, flee famine and disaster and most recently war and atrocity.

Dr Martin Luther, first preached at the National Cathedral, Washington, D.C., on March 31, 1968, during his sermon he shared:

"Like a monstrous octopus, poverty spreads its nagging, prehensile tentacles into hamlets and villages all over our world. Two-thirds of the people of the world go to bed hungry tonight. They are ill-housed; they are ill nourished; they are shabbily clad. I've seen it in Latin America; I've seen it in Africa; I've seen this poverty in Asia... How can one avoid being depressed when he sees with his own eyes evidences of millions of people going to bed hungry at night? How can one avoid being depressed when he sees with his own eyes God's children sleeping on the sidewalks at night? In Bombay more than a million people sleep on the sidewalks every night. In Calcutta more than six hundred thousand sleep on the sidewalks every night. They have no beds to sleep in; they have no houses to go in".

A year after Martin Luther's sermon on 20th July 1969, Armstrong and Aldrin walked on the moon, in that same year Concorde made its maiden supersonic flight. On July 20, 1976 Viking 1 landed on Mars, and in 1973 Vinton Gray Cerf along with Bob Khan built on earlier research and invented the Internet.

All these achievements have demonstrated our potential to expand the bounds of our knowledge and have shown how we can, if we try, achieve massive feats. The potential of our gifts is only limited by our willingness to want to achieve harmony on earth today.

Martin Luther King was fatally shot on 4 April 1968 aged just 39. Should he have lived I am sure that he would have marvelled at all we have achieved, I am equally sure that he would be shocked that in March

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2022, the plight of the poorest in society has changed so little.

Our News coverage this month has moved from Covid 19 to the war in Ukraine. These natural and human made disasters, will only exacerbate the plight of the poor in the world and will have a long term and lasting effect on the lives of those most in need.

During the height of the pandemic we spoke of a new normal, a changed way of life.

As we reflect on the past two years and prepare for our new normal, it might be worth us thinking about the lost, the last and the least in society.

As I have watched the events in Ukraine unfolding, I have been challenged, as I am sure we all have, to ask what can I do to help?

Obviously, we can make financial donations. There are many charities seeking to support the humanitarian crisis. In the Weekly Notes, we have highlighted Christian Aid who are working with partner organisations in the ACT Alliance (a global faith-based coalition), to aid Ukraine refugees.

If you would like to support the work of Christian Aid you can donate and are not keen on internet giving, give me a call and I can visit you and collect your donation which we will forward to Christian Aid (or just call me any way and I can drop by just for a chat).

If you would like to donate online please use this link <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies/ukraine-crisis-appeal> or search for Christian Aid Ukraine appeal.

I know that we have been through a tough time and not all of us are in a position to give financially, however, during Lent we are called to be people of prayer, people who hold the reality of our lives and the life of the world around us to the light of God. During the pandemic each night I had a candle burning in the study window, to remind people of the light of Jesus shining in the darkness and to assure them of my prayers. Maybe you could spend some time each day praying for the poor, the refugees and especially the peoples of Russia and the Ukraine?

In Luke chapter 4, Jesus sat down in the Synagogue and read these words from Isaiah "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free".

Today as we read these words too, let us take them to heart and do all we can to proclaim God's kingdom of love, peace, and equality.

Every Blessing

Fr Mark

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We are still seeking volunteers to learn how to operate our AV/Sound desk and to join the team helping with livestreaming/videos at our various services – mainly Sundays but could be funerals and other services.

This is now a vital part of our outreach so if you think you may be able to help, please contact the churchwardens.

THE CHURCHWARDENS WRITE

We are now in the period of Lent and have held the first of the 5-week Lent Course, 'Reel' Faith, watching The Lion King, which was most entertaining, with discussions to follow in future weeks exploring life through this and the Bible 'to help navigate through the wilderness of Lent to the grace of Easter'.

Children's Hour will be held on 3rd, 10th and 24th with the all-age service, St Mary's for All at 11.15am on 3rd. Our Tuesday 10.00am Said Holy Communion is once again a regular feature and is followed by coffee and a chat which is a welcome return for those who used to enjoy this service.

Holy Week starts with **Palm Sunday** on the 10th with the Sung Eucharist and Blessing of the Palms at 09.30am followed by Choral Mattins at 11.15. It will be noted from the Calendar on the back page that there will be a said Holy Communion on Monday (Celtic), Tuesday and Wednesday, all at 8.00pm, leading to **Maundy Thursday** with the Sung Eucharist of the Last Supper at 8.00pm and stripping of the altar and Gethsemane watch, when you are invited to remain as long as you wish. **Good Friday** brings the children's Stations of the Cross at 11.00 am which Kathie so ably organises, taking place around the outside of the church, or inside subject to weather. This is so popular for children and their families. Between 1.00 and 2.00pm will be Meditations at the foot of the cross and at 2.00pm the Sung Eucharist of Good Friday, which includes The Passion Reading. **Easter Eve** (Holy Saturday) presents the Easter Vigil which includes the lighting of the new fire, renewal of baptismal vows and the First Eucharist of Easter. The church starts in darkness with hand candles distributed; the service, including the first four readings, is conducted in candle light until the priest intones 'Glory be to God on high', when the organ plays a fanfare and lights are switched on, bells are rung and the service continues through to Holy Communion and beyond. **Easter Day** is joyful with the Sung Eucharist at 9.30am when we are delighted to have six children receiving their first communion. This is followed by St Mary's for All (all age service) and an Easter egg hunt around the church grounds. Thereafter, this year Mark has invited everyone to a 'bring-your-own picnic' to the Vicarage garden – a rug or chair will be useful. This promises to be a fun ending to the Holy Week, particularly with Monday 18th being a Bank Holiday.

On the 12th Jonathan is continuing his ever-popular lunchtime Bach Organ Recitals at 1.05pm.

He also has the 'Organ as Orchestra' on the 23rd at 2.30pm which includes Prokofiev's Peter and the Wolf and this is followed by an organ pupils' recital. Do come along and support them.

The weekly Thursday Toddler Group returns on the 21st after the Easter break, and the Bereavement Café is held that afternoon from 2.45pm. Our next popular on-line quiz is on the 27th.

Sunday after Easter, 24th, is called Low Sunday and the choir is on holiday so the 9.30am Eucharist will be a said service. This will be followed at 11.15 am with Morning Prayer and Holy Baptism.

Do remember to check the Weekly Notes for any updates and new additions during the month.

It is great having Mark in place as our Vicar. It is amazing how much he has achieved in just over a week and the many matters/projects in which he is becoming involved. It's also lovely to have Lucy's involvement. Thank you, Mark and Lucy

Your churchwardens – Valerie and Nicholas

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

HOLY BAPTISM

We receive this child into the congregation of Christ's flock

27 February Oliver William Dunbar Armfield
Carrington Louis Henry Tonna

HOLY MATRIMONY

A gift of God in creation, and a means of his grace, a holy mystery
(Alternative Service Book Marriage rite)

26 February Geoffrey John Eggar and
Helen Mavis Ainsworth

FUNERALS

In sure and certain hope
(BCP Burial rite)

11 March Marion Ethel Rao, aged 87

Ashes Interment

25 February Michael Robert Burnham, aged 72

15 March Rosemary Eyres, aged 88



Lent at St Mary's 'REEL' FAITH

A 5-week exploration of life through the lens of The Lion King, the Bible and discussion helping us to navigate through the wilderness of Lent to the grace of Easter.



Do join us in St Mary's Church, London Road, Ewell, KT17 2AY

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DO BIRDS FEEL THE COLD?

When we hunker down in a nice, cosy house, while a bitter wind rages, do we spare a thought for our feathered friends outside? Well, sometimes.

Winter poses a number of difficulties for birds, the chief of which being, the need to find sufficient food. Once they are lucky enough to find a food source, how do they manage to keep warm? It seems that, like us, birds can maintain a stable body temperature independently of external conditions; this ability is called 'homothermy' which is the equivalent of what we call 'warm-blooded'. The latter is rather an imprecise term because it does not reflect the complexity of the way in which animals, including birds, regulate their temperature. Most birds are homothermic for most of the time, although it is known that some birds' chicks, while waiting for their parents to bring food, can become torpid. This state helps save energy. That, by the way, is the case with animals that we call cold-blooded: amphibians, reptiles and fish. Most birds keep their body temperature in the region of 40 degrees Celsius which is a little higher than that of most mammals. In species that are active by day, the body temperature is slightly higher than at night; for owls that are active at night, the situation is the reverse.

Birds can keep warm thanks to their feathers which are generally more efficient insulators than a mammal's hair or fur. The insulation consists of a layer of soft, fluffy down - which is not the same as the down of baby birds - over which are the outer 'contour' feathers, the external ones we can see. These contour feathers help retain the heat generated by the bird's metabolism. The effectiveness of this warm coat lying next to the skin is enhanced by fluffing out the feathers, thus creating pockets of air between the insulating feathers and the skin. This 'fluffing' activity accounts for those familiar images of robins in winter. Some birds, like grouse (not found in Ewell) that spend their lives in exposed places, moult into denser plumage for the winter.

Another way to keep warm is to tuck the head into the shoulder feathers, to reduce heat loss from the beak or any bare skin. Legs and feet have their own way of retaining warmth; birds may rest on one leg with the other one drawn up into the feathers. During the day, if the sun is shining brightly, they may take advantage by sunning themselves, spreading out their wings and tail, to absorb the heat and reduce the need to produce heat by their metabolism. In this way, they may gain vital vitamin D and the act of sunning may also have the effect of driving out parasites such as bird lice. Lice can then more easily be removed with the beak.

Roosting within the shelter of a tree hole or wall space can provide additional shelter since there may be a warmer microclimate; birds can avoid wind chill and reduce body heat loss to the night sky. For the same reason birds that are normally highly territorial may temporarily overcome this by roosting closely packed together.

Prayers for April



This year, during April, we are continuing our Lenten journey, travelling through the darkness of Good Friday to the glorious light of resurrection on Easter Day!

We have only got to check the news to find examples of all the inhumanity shown throughout history and which still exists in the world today. On Good Friday, we remember that Jesus died because of people's inhumanity towards each other and the evil they do and continue to do. He willingly suffered in our place to bring us back into a closer relationship with God. So let us pray to God our Father, and place in His hands the suffering of the world but also giving genuine and heartfelt thanks that Jesus sacrificed Himself for each one of us.

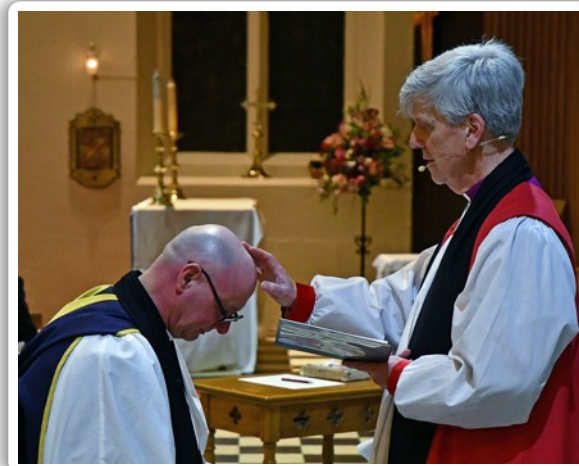
But His death was not the end! We also have Easter Day when we remember Jesus' resurrection, lifting despair to the joy of new life and hope! New life and hope are something so very much needed, even in the world today.



Lord, all too often, events, relationships, the pressures of everyday life seek to entomb us, shutting out the light. Where we have buried and ignored our compassion, sense of justice, mercy, humility, humanity, willingness to forgive, break open the tomb that engulfs us, we pray.

Lord, open our lives to your resurrection power! Raise up all that is dead and empty within us that we may live each day as you would have us live it. Lord, in you we have found a saviour no grave can withstand. Help us to find that miracle of new life that we too may live more fully in the knowledge of your saving grace.

Collation of Fr Mark Stafford 22 February 2022



COLLATION REPORT

Those who were unable to be at or see on-line the Collation, Induction and Installation of our new Vicar, the Revd Mark Stafford, will have heard what a successful celebration it was on the evening of 22 February 2022 (22022022). The Revd Harry Latham acting Area Dean guided the proceedings. The Rt Revd Andrew Watson, Bishop of Guildford, presided and gave the sermon. Then followed the Collation with the Bishop officially accepting Mark to be admitted to care for God's people as their parish priest and asking him to renew the promises made to Christ at ordination as a priest. Mark made his Declaration of Assent, the customary Oath of Allegiance to the Sovereign and the Oath of Canonical Obedience, culminating in the Bishop and Priest signing the Declaration of Oaths. The Bishop read the words of the Deed aloud and handed it to Mark, invoking God's blessing on him using oil of Chrism from the Maundy Thursday service at the Cathedral. Thereafter the Bishop gave the mandate to the Archdeacon of Dorking, The Ven. Martin Breadmore, to proceed with the Induction and Installation of our new priest, taking him to and laying his hands on the West Door, inducting him into the 'real and actual possession of the parish church'. Mark was handed a set of keys. He then tolled the bell to signify acceptance of office to the local community and was led back to the chancel whereby the Archdeacon showed him to the accustomed seat with the words, 'Mark, I place you in the stall of the priest of this benefice. May the Lord guard and keep you, and bless your ministry here.'

Following the choir singing the anthem, the first act of our new Vicar was to lead everyone in prayer.

But this wasn't the end as we then had the Call to Discipleship, when Mark was led to the font where Kathie Burgess handed him a ewer of water saying, "We bring you water for Holy Baptism...." and Revd Roger Jones said the words from Acts 2.38b-39. The Bishop asked Mark, "Will you live the new life in Christ and joyfully minister the sacrament of Baptism to those who turn to Christ?". Mark answered, "I will, with God's grace" and poured the water into the font. Back at the lectern Mark was handed The Book of Gospels by Donna and David Boosey.

There followed the Call to Worship when the Priest, Bishop and Archdeacon moved to the holy altar, where Nigel Bird handed bread and wine to Mark. The Archdeacon repeated 1 Corinthians 11.24-26 and the Bishop questioned Mark, "Will you lead and encourage the people of this place in worship and prayer, presiding at the sacrament of the Eucharist and sharing Holy Communion?" to which Mark replied, "I will, with God's grace" and he placed the bread and wine on the altar.

Then came the Welcoming of the new Priest, when Lucy, Mark's wife, joined him, and the Area Dean invited various representatives of the church and community to welcome them. These included the Very Revd Dianna Gwilliams, Dean of Guildford, as well as our Area Dean, Rosemary Donovan, the Mayor of Epsom & Ewell, Cllr Peter O'Donovan, Cllr Humphrey Reynolds, and representatives of the local Schools, Guides & Brownies, the Royal British Legion and, to everyone's great amusement, Nigel Bird armed with hat and bells as a founder member of St Mary's Morris Men.

After the final Blessing and Dismissal given by Bishop Andrew, it was time for well-earned refreshments of sweet and savoury canapés and a glass or two of fizz, plus lots of chat amongst everyone, all vying to speak with our new Vicar – and with the Bishop and Archdeacon.

All agreed that it was a wonderful celebration to welcome Mark and Lucy. It was a pleasure to meet and greet members of their family and friends including a number of the congregation from Mark's previous church, St John's, Kingston.

Valerie Wood

GREAT OPERA TRANSCRIPTIONS

Saturday 19 February

Jonathan Holmes

In a recent review for EPN, I touched on the subject of transcriptions for organ. That was in the context of Bach's music. The art of transcription, commonplace in Bach's day, took on a whole new level of meaning in the 19th century. This came about for two reasons. Firstly, the rise of the virtuoso recital pianist, spearheaded by Liszt, who wrote piano transcriptions of all kinds, partly for his own benefit but also to bring this music to a wider audience. Allied to this, the increasing mechanical power of the concert grand piano with firms such as Erard of Paris producing instruments which were strongly recommended by Chopin and others.

Organ transcriptions of the 19th century would only have been possible thanks to the pioneering work of organ builders such as Aristide Cavaille-Coll in France and Henry Willis in England. We can gauge something of the impact these organ transcriptions would have made at the time by listening to our own Willis organ (of 1889), a romantic concert organ which happens to be in a church.

Jonathan's recital made use of the work of three such transcribers: Edwin Lemare (1865-1934), Dudley Buck (1839-1909) and Jonathan Scott who is very much alive today. Lemare belonged to the next generation after Liszt, and, like Liszt, used his talents as a virtuoso organist to make his own transcriptions for organ of Music Dramas – to use his own term - by **Richard Wagner**. *Wotan's Farewell* and *Magic Fire Music* come from the end of Wagner's *The Valkyrie*.

The French composer **Camille Saint-Saens** had a real gift for expressing the exotic – at least as seen through western European eyes - in music. We heard two excerpts from his opera *Samson and Delilah*. Its premiere at Weimar in 1877 brought its composer fame and fortune by tapping into the current vogue for Biblical stories; here is the famous tale of Samson (tenor) the Hebrew strong man, and Delilah (mezzo-soprano) the Philistine seductress. First, Jonathan Scott's transcription of the *Bacchanale* an orgy of dancing and singing; then back to Lemare for Delilah's *Act 2 aria 'Mon Coeur s'ouvre a ta voix'* (my heart opens at the sound of your voice), in which she attempts to persuade Samson to reveal the secret of his great strength. **Bizet** and Lemare ended the first half with the colourful *Fantasia on Carmen*: a pot-pourri in which members of the audience were challenged to identify as many of the tunes as they could! I counted 13 but did anyone count more?

The *Overture to William Tell* by the Italian opera composer **Gioacchino Rossini** was transcribed for organ by the American Dudley Buck. Rossini wrote no more operas after *Tell*, yet his opinions were still highly sought-after; he happened to be instrumental in encouraging the organ-building talents of none other than Cavaille-Coll. Finally, the dramatic *Overture to Tannhauser* by **Wagner**. Lemare transcribed this fine piece most effectively for organ. At the time, this transcription would have been heard more widely than the opera itself; even today, it is seldom put on because of the difficulty in casting a tenor who can combine a stratospherically high range with heroic quality. Lemare's ingenuity as a transcriber succeeds brilliantly in conveying a sound equally mesmeric as Wagner's own orchestration.

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EPSOM & EWELL FOODBANK

From the Foodbank newsletter:

“Thanks everyone! Every donation makes a difference to those in need in our communities. You helped us feed more than 680 people in February. As an organisation we continue to be busy working on a number of projects. The trust development towards Good Company continues to gather pace, watch out for more information coming soon.

One of the key areas we have been working on, with Epsom & Ewell Council, is the Pantry project. We are really excited about this great initiative where we will be inviting people to become free members and to help shape what happens. The main aim is that for £5 members will be able to choose food to the value of £20-30. We will source the food and alongside that we plan to offer an array of community activities and advice such as cooking, budgeting, housing, support, cups of tea to support people to reduce dependency on the foodbank.

The great side of it is that there will be good access, it provides dignity and choice but also an opportunity to develop skills and networks to help people to develop a hope for the future. Do pop in when it is up and running. It will be in South Street, Epsom.”

Urgently needed this month:

longlife sponge puddings, powdered milk, longlife fruit juice, tinned fruit, chocolate spread, packet soup, shampoo, hair conditioner, shaving foam, loo rolls, adult toothbrushes, children's toothpaste 0-2. children's toothbrushes 0-2 and dog food.

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ST. MARY'S ECO GROUP

In this month's article we give some tips from the ECO Church (A Rocha) website.

- **Go plastic free.** Even if you can't become totally plastic-free, make it your goal to at least reduce your use of plastic.
- **Switch off from digital.** Explore technology-free times or areas of the house, switching to 'airplane mode' for the first hour in the morning and the last hour at night, 'switch off Sundays', reaching for your Bible over your device(s) and writing a list of outdoor things that you enjoy.
- **Buy less or second-hand.**
- **Buy local or in bulk.**
- **Spend more time in nature.**
- **Take a step to save energy in your home.** From draught-proofing windows and doors to swapping your bath for a shower.
- **Move your money.** Could you divest from fossil fuels and support a bank which invests in renewables?

If you have an ECO tip, the Eco Group would love to hear from you. Please get in touch with Sue Ayling at: assistantpriest@stmarysewell.com or 020 8337 6347.7.

SAVE THE DATE SPRING DINNER 14 May

An opportunity to dress up and savour the delights of another Spring Dinner at 6.30pm on the evening of Saturday 14 May in Ewell Hall.

Tickets cost £15 for a three course dinner and entertainment and will be on sale in church from mid April, with more information available for those wishing to come.

This is always a popular event, so please book early!

APRIL CONCERTS AT ST. MARY'S

12 April 1.05 pm

Free Tuesday lunchtime Bach organ recital

Jonathan Holmes

23 April 2.30 pm

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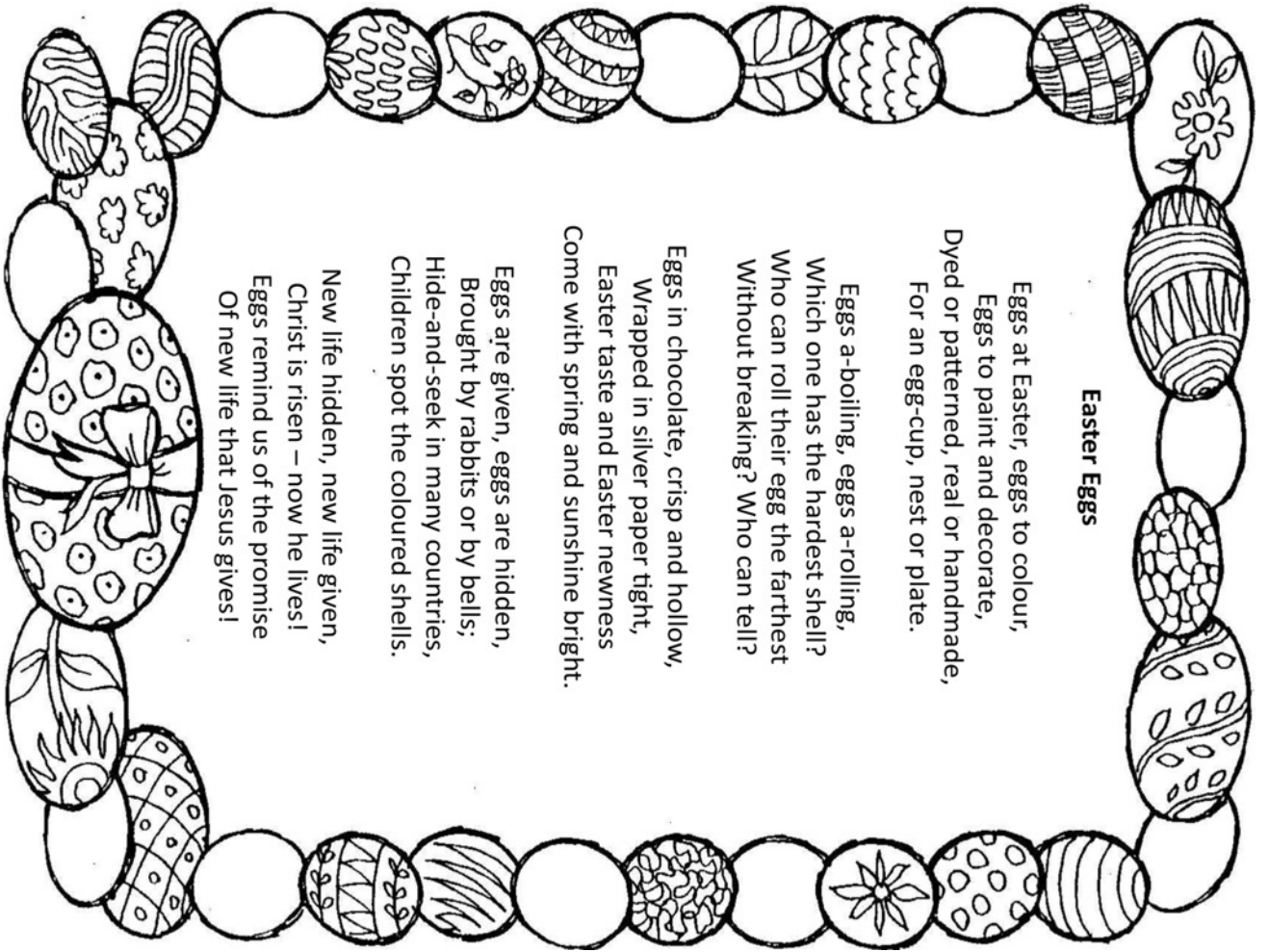
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Easter Eggs

Eggs at Easter, eggs to colour,
 Eggs to paint and decorate,
 Dyed or patterned, real or handmade,
 For an egg-cup, nest or plate.

Eggs a-boiling, eggs a-rolling,
 Which one has the hardest shell?
 Who can roll their egg the farthest
 Without breaking? Who can tell?

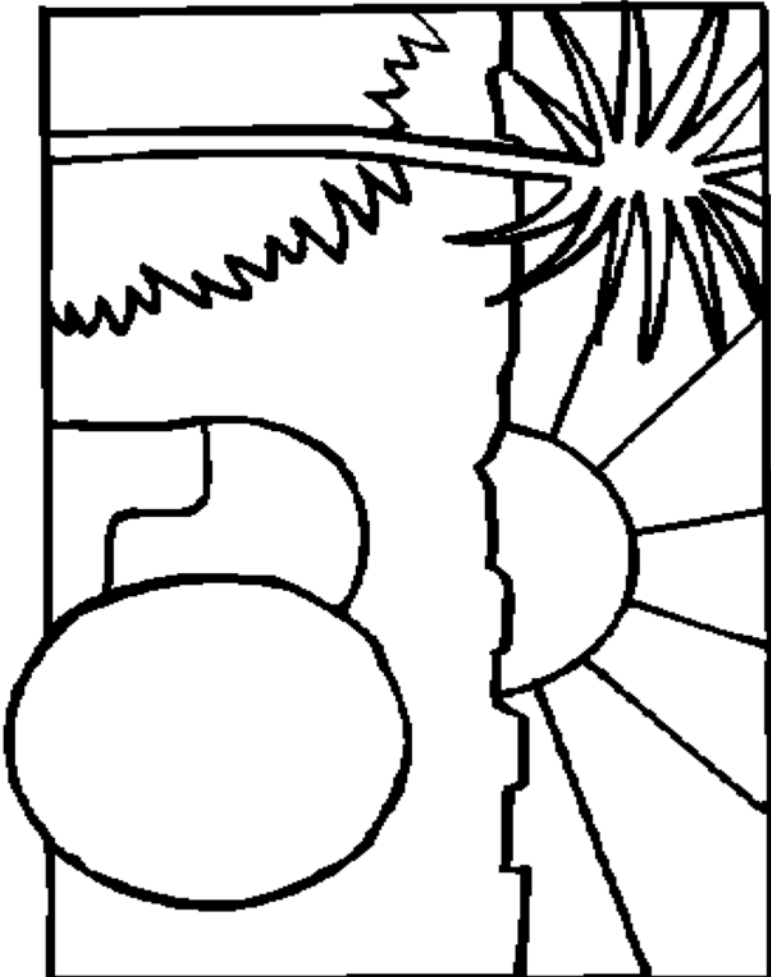
Eggs in chocolate, crisp and hollow,
 Wrapped in silver paper tight,
 Easter taste and Easter newness
 Come with spring and sunshine bright.

Eggs are given, eggs are hidden,
 Brought by rabbits or by bells;
 Hide-and-see in many countries,
 Children spot the coloured shells.

New life hidden, new life given,
 Christ is risen – now he lives!
 Eggs remind us of the promise
 Of new life that Jesus gives!

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Young Church May

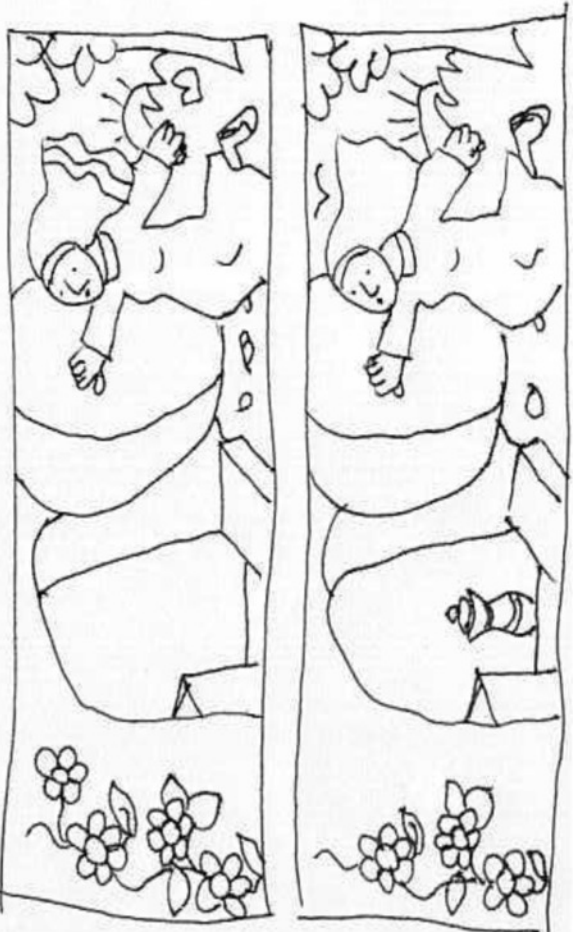


Early on Easter Sunday morning, Mary Magdalen, Mary the mother of James, and Salome arrived at Jesus' tomb. The stone had been rolled away from the entrance!

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Can you find 6 differences in these two pictures?



Can you find this sentence hidden in the word search?

U F L Y B S S Q F X Q J X N S
 D F R E A X T U O L E K E J U
 O E E L F T D J N S K L L W N
 V N O W C O D N T R A R Z H D
 E M Q X L M F U A D I O L E A
 E M A R Y B B G G R N S Q H Y
 M O R N I N G A H A D T E T N
 J J D W F K M D E L L O R F A
 R M A W U Y Y P N D S E S V M
 F S J G R U M L R R W V N G Z F
 Z I N A K C A B R R Y O Y Q U
 J J M N W C J W A A G T R U Q
 E X L X U X H B E K E S G W Q
 A O U U C Y T L O N I R B B F
 Z E M O L W T D U R T U S D N

Very early on Sunday morning at sunrise,
 Mary Magdalen, Mary and Salome went
 to the tomb but the stone had been rolled
 back

We are alive today!
 Jesus is alive today!
 Thank you, God
 Amen.

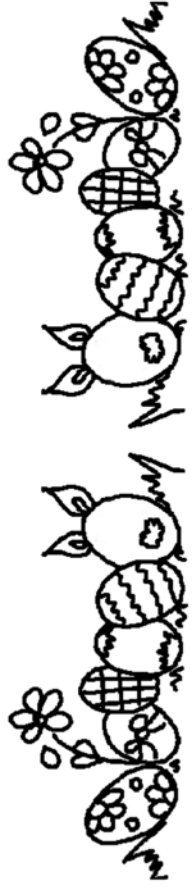
He is not here;
 he is risen!



D R A K 1
 T I R S F 2 3
 K E W E 4
 W M O A N 5

Unjumble the words and then write the letters in the correct order to find a new word

1 2 3 4 5



Did you know?...

- Fish lay a lot more eggs than birds
- Chicken eggs take about 21 days to hatch
- An ostrich lays the largest eggs – between 15 and 20cm long
- The biggest dinosaur eggs ever found would have been about 30cm long when they were whole. An empty shell that size would hold more than 3 litres of water!



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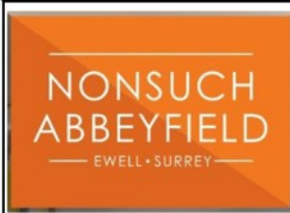


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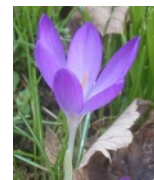
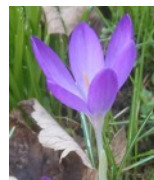
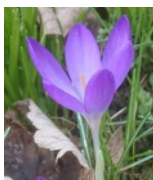
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Calendar for April



S 03 LENT 5

- 0930 Children's Hour (Hall then Church)
0930 Sung Eucharist
1115 St Mary's for All (all age service)

T 05 1000 Said Holy Communion (Side Chapel)

W 06 2000 Lent Course (coffee 1930)

S 10 PALM SUNDAY

- 0930 Children's Hour (Hall then Church)
0930 Sung Eucharist and Blessing of Palms
1115 Choral Mattins

M 11 2000 Said Celtic Holy Communion

T 12 1000 Said Holy Communion (Side Chapel)

1305 Lunchtime Bach Organ Recital

2000 Said Holy Communion (Side Chapel)

W 13 2000 Said Holy Communion (Side Chapel)

Th 14 MAUNDY THURSDAY

2000 Sung Eucharist of the Last Supper, *and stripping of the altar and Gethsemane watch*

F 15 GOOD FRIDAY

- 1100 Children's Stations of the Cross
1300-1400 Meditations at the foot of the Cross
1400-1500 Sung Liturgy of Good Friday

S 16 EASTER EVE (HOLY SATURDAY)

2030 Easter Vigil *includes the new fire, renewal of baptismal vows and the First Eucharist of Easter*

S 17 EASTER DAY

- 0930 Sung Eucharist of Easter Day
1115 St Mary's for All (all age service) *with an Easter Egg hunt round the church followed by a bring-your-own picnic at the Vicarage*

T 19 1000 Said Holy Communion (Side Chapel)

Th 21 1000 St Mary's Toddler Group (Hall)

1445 Bereavement Café (Hall)

S 23 1430 The Organ as Orchestra

S 24 EASTER 2 Low Sunday

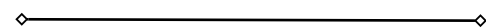
- 0930 Children's Hour (Hall then Church)
0930 Said Eucharist (Choir on holiday)
1115 Morning Prayer and Holy Baptism

T 26 1000 Said Holy Communion (Side Chapel)

W 27 2000 On-line quiz via Zoom

Th 28 1000 St Mary's Toddler Group (Hall)

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