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### Services in April

**NB** For full details of Holy Week and Easter Services see page 13

6th	United Sung Communion	All Saints	1000
13th	Said Communion	All Saints	0800
	Meet 10am at Old Mill for United Procession of Palms to St George's for Sung Communion	St George's	1030
20th	Said Communion	All Saints	0800
	All Age Communion	St George's	0930
	All Age Communion	All Saints	1100
27th	Said Communion (BCP)	All Saints	0800
	United Sung Communion	St George's	1000

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Messy Church in the Parish Hall on 2nd Sunday 3pm - 4.30pm

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*From Katy Carter (LLM)*



## Spring is in the Air

Today, as I write this letter, has been one of those typical March days when the sun is shining and the sky is a majestic blue and yet there is still a definite nip in the air. As Charles Dickens put it (in *Great Expectations*) '*one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade.*' I know just what he meant! And after those seemingly endless weeks of torrential rain, Spring this year seems especially welcome.

With Spring come thoughts of Easter. Walk into almost any shop and you can't fail to notice the array of Easter goodies, many of which have been in evidence for several months! Easter means Easter cards, Easter eggs, Easter flowers, Easter bonnets, Easter biscuits, Easter crafts, the Easter bunny. And, most importantly of course for Christians, the resurrection of Jesus.

As we admire the spring flowers that adorn our gardens and open spaces, it's easy to appreciate their beauty. The intricate detail of each part of the flower, the stunning range of colours and the delicate perfume. Yet it's so easy to forget that other part of the flower. That part that's out of sight, hidden in the depths of the soil. The unseen part that is vital to the production of the beautiful flower and without which there would be no blossoming into new life.

In a similar way it's easy to celebrate the joy and splendour of Easter and to forget the events that led to that day. To forget the events of Holy Week – the feelings of loneliness, isolation, fear, anguish, despair. Events without which there would be no Easter Day, no joy and no celebration as we remember that Jesus died and then on the third day rose again, that we too might have new life.

But, as April begins, Lent continues; that time of preparation for Easter when Christians are called to deepen their spiritual lives by prayer, fasting and helping others. So as we look forward to Easter Day we can look forward to the greatest of celebrations – when we celebrate that Christ is risen. Good News for every one of us not just at Easter but for every day.

It's the Good News that God calls us to show in our lives and to proclaim with gladness. It's the Good News that we are called not just to keep to ourselves but to share with other people. Good News that is so much needed in today's troubled and uncertain world.

*With love*

*Katy Carter*

## Church Electoral Roll

This year the Electoral Roll is totally new. Fill in the form online or in the churches. Joining the electoral roll can confirm your commitment to the Parish community and to our vision. It means that you can vote on any relevant issues at the annual parochial church meeting (APCM) and stand for election to the PCC (the church council). It also allows you to take part in the life of the wider Church of England, at deanery, diocese and even national levels, if you're interested. It is the closest thing the Church of England has to official membership, as well as by coming regularly to Harnham Worship and participating in the life of the church, and that would be your reason for being on the electoral roll.

To apply for the church electoral roll, you must:

- be 16 years old or over (although you can apply in the year you become 16 and you can be on the electoral roll once your birthday has passed)
- be baptised
- either live in the parish or have attended the church regularly for at least 6 months

The deadline for applications 1 May 2025. We will keep your information secure in line with UK GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) regulations. We will be asking for more information to enable us to serve you better..

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## Revd Canon Julian Poppleton

Our congratulations to Revd Canon Julian Poppleton who has been appointed as the new part time permanent Chaplain at Winchester Cathedral from May 2025. His role will be primarily a pastoral one to the congregations, staff, pilgrims and visitors. Julian will often be seen and heard leading the services, sometimes singing, of course. Julian will be formally installed at an Evensong in May.

We are very grateful for his ministry in Harnham (since 2002) and pray for him as he takes up his new position.

Revd Becky

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## Lent Talk, Compline and The Way of the Cross

The final Lent talk of the series entitled 'Losing our humanity?' will be on Tuesday April 1st at 8pm in All Saints. As usual it will be followed by Compline.

Please note that there will **not** be a Lent Talk and Compline on Tuesday April 8th as was advertised in last month's red Lent in Harnham leaflet and April Services poster (reproduced on p13) as well as some other places.

On Tuesday in Holy Week (April 15th) also at 8pm in All Saints Church and churchyard, Walking the Way of the Cross will be an hour to meditate on the last footsteps of Jesus, using images and prayer.

## First Wednesday Talk

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall.

### THE RESTORATION OF WINDSOR CASTLE AFTER THE 1992 FIRE

- Chris Watson, a near neighbour of the Parish Hall, was the Restoration Team Leader, and he has agreed to give this talk.
- Most of us will remember the tragedy of the Great Fire in Windsor Castle in 1992. We've probably also read about the major project to restore it to its former glory. Now we have the chance to hear about the restoration from the inside.
- No booking necessary - donations invited - come and hear Chris tell all!

*Returning by popular request!*

## HARNHAM GARDENERS' SHARING TABLE

Saturday 26 April 10 am - 12 noon  
Harnham Parish Hall Field

Plants, seedlings, seeds, gardening tools - bring what you can spare, take what you can use. A chance to share with your neighbours - ALL FREE. Any donations received will support the continuing work of Harnham Community Network.

Enjoy a Coffee and Chat at the same time.

Organised by Harnham Community Network, who plan to reopen Harnham Harvest Table again this summer at various locations every Saturday from 26 July. Look out for further details about venues and times.

For further information, or if you have plants you want collecting, contact: [harnhamcommunity@gmail.com](mailto:harnhamcommunity@gmail.com) or 07962 213494.

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## Where did your Easter egg come from?

Your Easter egg can be traced back to the early Church in Mesopotamia.

Since ancient times, people had been giving each other eggs at pagan Spring festivals, as eggs were a symbol of the new life and rebirth in nature all around them. Then came Jesus and His death and resurrection, which made Easter the ultimate time for Christians to celebrate new life and rebirth. After that, it was only a matter of time before eggs found their way into commemorating Easter.

This seems to have first happened with the very early church in Mesopotamia, where those early Christians began dyeing their eggs after Easter, to celebrate the new birth that Jesus had given to them. The practise of using eggs in Easter celebrations then spread to the Orthodox Churches, and from there to the Western Churches across Europe.

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*When I said, "My foot is slipping," your unfailing love, LORD, supported me.*  
Psalm 94:18

April sees the goodness of God's creation as the flowers of Spring begin to bloom, we are awakened by the chorus of bird song and we see the signs of new life developing. Then as we approach Easter, we prepare our hearts to see God's Love blooming from the tomb in joyous resurrection.

OUR NEW PATRON.....

Mothers' Union has had the privilege of enjoying royal patronage since its foundation in 1876, and on February 27<sup>th</sup> it was announced that Sophie, the Duchess of Edinburgh, has accepted the invitation to continue this tradition as we approach the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary next year, 2026.

Her Royal Highness is committed to helping strengthen families and communities to deal with issues that impact them. Her commitment to promoting the development of women into leadership is particularly welcomed and also her interest in the M U Project English for Women. This project aims to reduce the loneliness of those in local communities who experience language barriers in their everyday lives, many of whom are fleeing conflict or challenging situations. It provides safe and welcoming spaces where learners can make friends and build support networks.

Dates for your Diary.....

**Tuesday April 22<sup>th</sup> 12 noon** Communion Service in the Cathedral

**Thursday April 24<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm** Parish Hall – A 'Crafty' session adorning cardboard fish for the Cathedral Flower Festival. All materials provided.

**Friday May 23<sup>rd</sup> 12 – 2pm** Parish Hall Soup and Sweets Lunch in aid of M U Overseas work.

If you require transport, please contact Katharine Callard on 01722 501200.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting, visitors always welcome.

With love  
Pat Davidson

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THANK YOU.....

Thank you from David and Katharine Callard to all those who supported the recent Coffee and Cards Sale held in aid of the Sudan Medical Link – a record sum of £517 was raised.

Donations for the coffee and cakes served by members of the Mothers Union and Friends amounted to £140.80, this will be sent to AFIA (Away from it all), a project run by the Mothers Union which enables families to have a break who might otherwise not be able to. Thank you to all those who donated cakes and or helped in serving the refreshments.



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## Neighbourhood Policing Team

We would like to introduce ourselves as the local Neighbourhood Policing team for Harnham and the surrounding areas. For those of you who may not know us, our names are PC 0390 Hannah Cranham and PCSO 70486 Charlotte King.

We are hoping to use this platform to provide updates and advice regarding the local area. For April's edition we are sharing some prevention techniques about distraction burglaries.

Distraction burglars will pretend to be someone they are not, so it's important you are aware of the common methods they will use to get you to let them into your property

- Pretending to be from a care agency, the council or a utility company investigating a gas or water leak
- Seeking help to leave a note for a neighbour or even asking for a drink of water if they claim to be thirsty or unwell
- Working in teams, with one person distracting you while the other searches your home

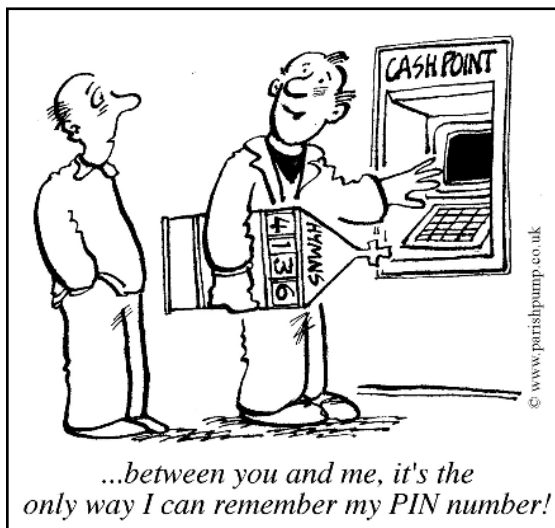
You would think that it would be best to make a property less visible from the street, and to keep it hidden from prying eyes behind overgrown bushes, trees, high fences or walls. In reality, all that this serves to do is make it easier for a burglar to get close to a home unnoticed, and provide somewhere to hide while carrying out a burglary or theft from the property.

For more information please visit - [www.wiltshire.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention](http://www.wiltshire.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention)

We look forward to seeing you in the local area.

Best wishes,  
Hannah and Charlotte

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## Spire u3a

### LEARN - LAUGH - LIVE

THE ERA of Sex, Drugs and Rock'n'Roll may be a fading memory but our Third Age brings with it huge opportunities. The u3a brings people together, who are no longer in full-time work, offering purpose and ideas; it provides scope to connect with others who share similar skills and interests. Not least, it offers the chance to have fun, bringing at the same time a raft of social and wellbeing benefits, which cannot be underestimated. You only have to go to Spire u3a's *Coffee Companions*, led by Enid McLoughlin, to know how true that is.

Our newly established, *Painting & Drawing Group*, led by Les Hankinson, *Armchair Geology* and *Playing Simple Music* led by Stuart Robson are all thriving.

Attendance at monthly meetings is also on the rise with over 50 turning up to hear Peter Isaacson reveal the process of training medical detection dogs and how much better they are than doctors at diagnosing certain conditions - often many years before symptoms occur.

Next meeting is on Monday 14 April when Phil Whitmore will share what he has learned about Animals in War - Unsung Heroes. Doors open at The Memorial Hall at 10am for refreshments. New Members Welcome!

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### Well worth a visit

The New East Window at St John's Tisbury is well worth a look, especially when the sun streams through it. The Dean of Salisbury dedicated the window on February 9<sup>th</sup>. The glass was etched and coloured by the painter Thomas Denny.

Recently Salisbury and District Organists' Association members visited the church to see the recently renovated Father Willis organ. Many members went and learnt the history of the instrument and were allowed about 5 minutes each to try it out. The sound was like that of the Father Willis organ in the cathedral and it brought the builder's characteristics to mind. Organs in their particular buildings can be a "Sound" and the five arched east window can be a sight or "Seeing" as it explained in the brochure.

William and Ian alas, could not attend the visit and a mixture of sympathy and concern was expressed by everyone.

Frances Howard

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All the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever were built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of mankind on this earth as powerfully as has that one solitary life. – *James A Francis*



Local charity Alabaré provides support and accommodation for people who are vulnerable, homeless or at risk of becoming homeless across Wiltshire and the South West but together we can all respond to the homelessness crisis.

People often ask us what they should do when they see a homeless person on the street. There isn't a simple answer, but here are some suggestions:

- **Approach with compassion**

Say hello and ask if they would like any help, avoiding assumptions about their situation, but listening to their story.

Offer essentials like food, water or warm clothing, especially in cold weather.

Retail vouchers or care packs with socks, gloves, and hygiene items are also thoughtful options.

- **Refer them to support partners**

Let them know about Alabaré. We have a drop-in service in Salisbury and our website, [www.alabare.co.uk/need-help/](http://www.alabare.co.uk/need-help/) offers useful links.

Encourage them to contact the Local Authority, Rough Sleeper or Homelessness Team or refer them to [www.StreetLink.org.uk](http://www.StreetLink.org.uk)

Call 999 if they are in immediate danger, need medical assistance, are vulnerable or appear to be under 18 years of age.

### Other methods of support

- **Donate to Alabaré and** help ensure we can provide vital services and life -skills programmes.
- **Volunteer with Alabaré** and provide direct help. We have options and locations to suit everyone.
- **Spread Awareness:** Host a talk through your group or workplace by contacting [supportercare@alabare.co.uk](mailto:supportercare@alabare.co.uk).

To find out more about our work please visit <https://alabare.co.uk>

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## Easter one-liners

What do you need if your chocolate eggs mysteriously disappear?

*An eggsplanation*

What kind of jewellery does the Easter Bunny wear? *14-carrot gold*

What is the Easter Bunny's favourite kind of music? *Hip hop*

What do you call an Easter Bunny wearing a kilt? *Hopscotch*

What do you call a bunny with fleas? *Bugs Bunny*

What do you call a line of rabbits jumping backwards? *A receding hare-line*

How can you tell which rabbits are oldest in a group?

*Just look for the gray hares.*

Why do people paint eggs for Easter? It's easier than trying to wallpaper them!

What do rabbits say before they eat? "Lettuce pray."

Where does Christmas come before Easter? In a dictionary.

## April worship in Harnham



### Worship in Harnham Parish April 2025

**Wed 2** No Pause for Thought this week

**Fri 4** 14.00 Meditation & creativity. Field View (Meeting Room) Lower St

### Sunday 6 Lent 5

**10.00** United Sung Holy Communion. All Saints'. Harnham Rd  
Mission through the Franciscans.  
A Fairtrade stall will be at this service.



**Tues 8** 20.00 Lent talk and Compline. Losing our humanity?

**Weds 9** 19.30 Pause for Thought. Rose and Crown Hotel.

### Sunday 13 Palm Sunday

**08.00** Said Holy Communion. All Saints'. Harnham Rd

**10.00** United procession of Palms from Old Mill Hotel

**10.30** United Sung Holy Communion. St George's. Lower St

**15.00** Messy Church. Parish Hall. Lower St



**Tues 15** 20.00 Stations of the Cross. Meditations of the final footsteps of Jesus using images and prayers

**Weds 16** 19.30 Pause for Thought. Rose and Crown Hotel



### Maundy Thursday 17 April

**11.00** Renewal of Vows. Chrism Mass. Salisbury Cathedral

**19.00** Sung Communion with the opportunity for anointing and foot washing. All Saints'. Harnham Rd

### Good Friday 18 April

**09.30** Meditations on the cross with Taize chants. St George's. Lower St

**11.00** Mini Easter Gardens and hot cross buns. All Saints. Harnham Rd

### Sunday 20 EASTER DAY

**08.00** Lighting of Easter fire and

Said Holy Communion. All Saints'. Harnham Rd

**09.30** All Age Communion and egg hunt

St George's. Lower St

**11.00** All Age Communion and egg hunt.

All Saints'. Harnham Rd



### Sunday 27 St George's Paternal Festival 910 years old!

**08.00** Said BCP Communion. All Saints'. Harnham Rd

**10.00** United Sung Holy Communion. St George's. Lower St

### **St George's Paternal Festival Lunch**

A special Lunch - a bring and share - will take place in the Parish Hall. Please arrive for 12.30pm. Please sign up on the lists in either church, with what you will bring.

## WHAT'S ON AT HARNHAM PARISH HALL

Please make a note of the following events planned in the next few months in and around the Parish Hall. More details will follow nearer each event. Please see website [www.harnhamparish.org.uk](http://www.harnhamparish.org.uk) or contact the Parish Office on 07925 108856 or [pccharnham@gmail.com](mailto:pccharnham@gmail.com). If you require further information

### **SOUP AND SWEETS LUNCH, Friday 23 May, 12 noon – 2 pm**

A delicious lunch provided by the Mothers' Union, open to all.  
Donations to raise funds for their Overseas work.

### **COMMUNITY TEA, Sunday 1 June, 3pm - 5 pm**

A scrumptious tea and excellent company for those living on their own.  
Donations welcome.

### **FIRST WEDNESDAY TALK, Wednesday 4 June, 7.30 pm**

Topic and Speaker to be confirmed

No booking necessary and free entry. Donations invited on the door.  
Interval drinks. Proceeds to support the work of Harnham Parish.

### **TABLE TOP SALE, Sunday 22 June, 2pm – 4 pm**

Tables can be booked in advance for £5. £1 entry donation for buyers.  
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### **WE LOVE HARNHAM FUN DAY AND PARISH FETE**

**Saturday 26 July, 2pm – 5 pm,**

Save the date for this year's Fun Day and Parish Fete – once again generously supported by Salisbury City Council and Wiltshire Council Housing. Fun for all the family! Climbing wall, Disco Dion, Fete stalls and sideshows, raffle, teas, ices and a licensed bar. Funds raised will support the work of Harnham Parish. The first HCN Harvest Table for the summer, sharing fresh fruit and veg, and sideshows, tug of war, and barbecue food from the Harnham Scouts. Start the school holidays with a great day out.  
NB Craft stalls can be booked for £20 – contact Emma Wilson on [billandem.wilson@outlook.com](mailto:billandem.wilson@outlook.com).

*Additionally, in All Saints' Church.*

### **HALF-TERM STORY TIME AND GAMES**

**Wednesday 28 May, 10 am - 12 noon**

A time for children (0 – 11 years) and their childminders, parents or grandparents. No need to book.

## HIKE FOR HOPE

from John O'Groats to Salisbury,

Bruce Carter is in his fifties, self-employed in property maintenance, living with his wife Pip in Salisbury and part of the serving team at Salisbury Cathedral. Increasingly drawn to identify with the suffering of the Palestinian people in recent years, and having encountered Action around Bethlehem Children with Disability (ABCD) at Greenbelt Festival, he decided to make this Lenten Pilgrimage. He will Hike for Hope from John O'Groats to his home town Salisbury to raise money for the rehabilitation of injured and traumatised children in the Gaza Strip.

### ***Bruce's motivation for the walk***

*Over the last 2-3 years at Greenbelt, we have listened to talks about life in Palestine. The speakers often say the only way to understand what life is like for them is to 'Come and see' so I planned to visit, but since 7<sup>th</sup> October 2023 it has obviously become more unlikely that I'd ever be able to get to Palestine. I had planned to take time off work during Lent 2025, and I had thought that if I couldn't go to Palestine then I would use that time to do something else – maybe raise money or work for a charity involved in Palestine. These last two years at Greenbelt we've got to know the volunteers who run a stand for ABCD; and this year I decided that I would use my time to do something for this charity.*

*The idea for a walk came to me when I recalled a book that I had read during Lent one year. The author Trystan Owen Hughes talked about the etymology of the word to 'saunter' and discussed the idea of walking through the world and seeing God's presence all around us. Since lockdown I have done a few long walks, and I wondered how far I could walk during Lent. Using the internet, I checked how far it is from John O'Groats to Salisbury, approx. 660 miles; when I divided that by 15 miles (the distance I think I could manage each day) it came up as 44 days (Lent having 40 or 46 days, depending on if you count Sundays). And then suddenly the mad idea of doing a sponsored walk of John O'Groats to Salisbury was born.*

*The other thing which has affected me is listening to the voices of refugees on the radio and reflecting on the distances they have to walk to try to find safety. They don't have a choice, but I do.*

ABCD improves the lives of children with disabilities across Palestine  
regardless of faith, race or gender

To find out more Bruce's walk or to donate to ABCD go to  
<https://abcbethlehem.org/events/lentenhikeforhope>

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## An Update

Our thanks have been expressed to Linda Baker for her service to the parish as administrator for many years. We collected £410 for her which she will put to good use in items for her well loved garden.

Revd Becky

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## Easter Word Search

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Hallelujah! April brings us to Easter – the crucifixion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ - the triumphant highlight of the Christian year. As St Paul pointed out, unless Jesus really did rise again, our faith is useless, and we may as well forget any hope of heaven or eternal life. But because He does live, we have a sure and certain hope for our future



passover	soldiers
bread	cross
wine	nails
body	vinegar
blood	temple
betrayal	curtain
jerusalem	tomb
pilate	angel
judas	stone
gethsemane	risen
trial	gardener
crucifixion	Mary

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## HARNHAM MEMORIAL HALL

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### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 2nd June at 2.30 pm

The Trustees of Harnham Memorial Hall invite all Harnham Residents to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Harnham Memorial Hall which will take place at 2.30 p.m. on Monday 2nd June at the Memorial Hall Watersmeet Road SP2 8JH.

If you are a Harnham resident aged 18 or over, you have full voting rights and up to five user groups can also offer a representative as a potential Trustee.

On 2nd June there will be eleven Trustee vacancies, six of whom must be local residents. Any local resident who wishes to be nominated as a Trustee should notify their name and contact details in writing by email please, by 2nd May to:

Mrs J Howles, Hon Secretary Harnham Memorial Hall Trustees  
Email: harnhammemorialhall@gmail.com

# What's the Big Idea? -

## An Introduction to the Books of the Old Testament

### Proverbs

The Book of Proverbs is an anthology of sayings (*'mishle'*) that are generally attributed to Solomon (Proverbs 1:1), who uttered 3000 proverbs (1Kings 4:32). The purpose of these oracles is *'for attaining wisdom and discipline'* (1:2). Solomon was concerned that people, especially the young, would understand *'the sayings and riddles of the wise.'* (1:3-6). His guiding principle is that *'The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge.'* (1:7).

To give an idea of the recurring themes in the book, here are a few examples:

Knowing God: *'The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding'* (9:10).

Guarding Our Speech: *'A word aptly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver'* (25:11).

Marital faithfulness: *'May your fountain be blessed and may you rejoice in the wife of your youth'* (5:15-20).

Our Work: *'Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise!'* (6:6-11).

Dangers of Strong Drink: *'Wine is a mocker and beer a brawler; whoever is led astray by them is not wise'* (20:1).

Justice and Honesty: *'The LORD abhors dishonest scales, but accurate weights are His delight'* (11:1).

Underlying these sayings is a conviction about God's omniscience, *'For a man's ways are in full view of the LORD, and He examines all his paths'* (5:21); providence, *'Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails'* (19:21) and goodness, *'The LORD is far from the wicked but He hears the prayer of the righteous'* (15:29).

Proverbs reminds us that God is concerned with the way we live today. *'Wisdom is the art of living skilfully in whatever actual conditions we find ourselves'* (Eugene Peterson).

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## Harnham Wellbeing Walks

By the time you read this Spring will be here with birdsong and blossom. Time to get out and enjoy all the beautiful green spaces in Harnham.

Why not join us on our gentle 30 minute walks on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays every month.

We are a small, friendly group and the walks are ideal to for anyone recovering from illness or surgery who wants to get back on their feet in the company of like-minded folk. You can walk at your own pace and as far as you like. At the end we join Coffee and Chat in the Parish Hall.

If you know anyone in the Parish who is isolated and lonely do tell them about us or bring them along. Walks are wheelchair accessible.

Meet at the Parish Hall at 10am on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month.  
For more information phone Pam Rouquette on 01722 334209 or email:  
pamrouquette@hotmail.com.

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*Date for your diary*

## **LAMENTATIONS for Nakba Day** **Thursday 15th May 7pm for 7.30pm**

We welcome to All Saints Church Rev Canon Jonathan Herbert, Hammadi Charif, Miranda Pinch, Rev Hilary Bond and the Dean of Salisbury to lead reflections on the Nakba of 1948 and subsequent events in Israel Palestine.

Miranda's mother was a secular Jewish refugee from the Holocaust in 1938 who was always bitterly opposed to what was being done to the Palestinians in her name as a Jew. Miranda travelled in the occupied territories of Palestine at the end of last year and will be telling us some of what she witnessed.

If you were moved by the *Christ under the Rubble* Christmas Tree at St Thomas's Church in December, whether or not you have heard the Dean speak about his time as an Ecumenical Accompanier in East Jerusalem, or if you want to know more about the Nakba then you will be very welcome.

Simple refreshments - Zaytoun fair-trade produce

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## **Final report of Archbishops' Commission for Racial Justice published**

The Archbishops' Commission for Racial Justice (ACRJ) has published its sixth and final report. It was charged with monitoring, and supporting the implementation of the 47 recommendations of the Archbishops' Anti-Racism Taskforce.

The report calls for the church to address the "gaping wound of racial injustice that afflicts it" and to "reach out and welcome all comers".

It says that a strategy for bringing about change has not yet been adopted at all the front lines of the Church. The Commission identifies four priorities as key to further progress:

- Nurturing a worship culture in the Church of England that reflects the rich mix of backgrounds present within the Church today.
- The need for a robust structure of governance to ensure racial justice becomes a normal part of practice.
- The need for an effective complaints system.
- That the barriers to full participation for all within the C of E are addressed

The Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell said: "The proposed priorities are achievable, and I and my fellow Bishops are committed to ensuring that we drive forward the change and progress needed to eradicate racial injustice within the Church, and march into the light of God."

## All in the month of April

It was:

150 years ago, on 17<sup>th</sup> April 1875 that the game of snooker was invented by Neville Chamberlain, a British army officer stationed in India.

80 years ago, on 30<sup>th</sup> April 1945 that Adolf Hitler, Austrian-born German Nazi Party Leader, Chancellor of Germany (1933-45) and dictator (1934-45) committed suicide along with his wife, Eva Braun.

70 years ago, on 5<sup>th</sup> April 1955 that Prime Minister Winston Churchill announced his retirement because of failing health. He was succeeded by Anthony Eden on 7<sup>th</sup> April.

65 years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> April 1960 that Dr Martens boots went on sale in the UK.

50 years ago, on 4<sup>th</sup> April 1975 that Microsoft, the computer software/hardware company, was founded by Bill Gates and Paul Allen in Albuquerque New Mexico.

Also 50 years ago, on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1975 that US President Gerald Ford gave a televised speech in which he announced that the USA's involvement in the Vietnam war was over, and all US aid to South Vietnam had ended. The war itself ended on 30<sup>th</sup> April, when North Vietnamese forces captured the South Vietnamese capital Saigon.

40 years ago, on 21<sup>st</sup> April 1985 that Brazilian racing driver Ayrton Senna won the Portuguese Grand Prix. It was the first of his 41 Formula One wins.

Also 40 years ago, on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1985 that the Coca-Cola Company changed the formula of Coca-Cola and launched it on the market as New Coke. The public were out-raged, and the original formula was restored within three months.

30 years ago, on 4<sup>th</sup> April 1995 that Kenny Everett, DJ, comedian and TV entertainer, died. Known for his zany humour, characters and sketches.

25 years ago, on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2000 that Queen Elizabeth II awarded the Royal Ulster Constabulary the George Cross in recognition of its collective and sustained bravery during the Troubles in Northern Ireland.

Also 25 years ago, on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2000 that the 'The Big Number' change took place on the UK's telephone system. Many area codes were updated or replaced, and new ones created for mobile, freephone, local rate, national rate, and premium rate services.

20 years ago, on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2005 that Pope John Paul II died. Succeeded by Pope Benedict XVI on 19<sup>th</sup> April.

Also 20 years ago, on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2005 that Charles, Prince of Wales, married Camilla Parker Bowles, who gained the title the Duchess of Cornwall.

10 years ago, on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2015 that the Gorkha earthquake took place in Nepal. Nearly 9,000 people were killed, 22,000 injured, and 3.5 million made homeless.

## CONCLAVE6 at HARNHAM FILM CLUB.

Harnham Social Club was packed out for the second Film Show of the season on 19th March. We very much enjoyed our first visit to the Club. Lots of our local friends and neighbours were there to enjoy an evening out and to see a brilliant and very topical award winning film, which has won so many accolades.

It is topical since it recounts the calling together of the world's Cardinals to Rome to choose the next Pope. And our current aged Pope is gravely ill in hospital. Topical too, since the Anglican Communion is seeking a new Archbishop of Canterbury and a new method of electing her or him.....

A further interest for Harnham folk was the discovery that the lead Cardinal in this film, brilliantly acted, Ralph Fiennes, used to live here in Harnham and attended Bishop Wordsworth School!

The Social Club makes an ideal site for our newly launched Film Club. It is smack in the middle of Harnham. It has a good car park - and the bar serves a range of drinks, both hot and cold. Thank you to those who had the vision to launch this new venture.

The next Film Night will be a complete contrast to March's Cardinals - it's Paddington Bear!!

David Callard

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April's Harnham Film Night is taking us to Peru ... with Paddington Bear.

*Paddington in Peru* will be shown on the third Wednesday in April, that's 16<sup>th</sup> April, at Harnham Social Club as usual. It's school holiday time, so we plan to start a bit earlier to make it easier for families to join us. Please look out for posters or on social media for final details.

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## The Spirit of Water Flower Festival Salisbury Cathedral May 13th -18th



The 2025 Festival is a companion to the Cathedral's Summer Art Exhibition, Living Water.

Just as the exhibition explores the power of water, its ability to hold memories and shape the identity of a place it also takes its inspiration from water in all its different forms. There will be a huge array of arrangements - from displays representing 'a world without water' to a journey along 'a river of flowers' and a display depicting the seabed which will include hundreds of fish made by local community groups.

Harnham Parish are taking part in the Festival and the MU Meeting on April 24th will be making fish for the seabed display.

For full details and further information regarding opening times, ticket booking and a souvenir programme visit <https://www.salisburycathedral.org.uk/whats-on/> and follow link

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MEETINGS HELD IN HARNHAM MEMORIAL HALL,  
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ON THE THIRD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH  
STARTING AT 7.30pm. (Coffee from 7pm)

NO MEETING THIS MONTH

Admission to talks : Members £2    Non members £5

New members are always welcome to join the HGS.

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## Parish Prayer Diary for April

- 6 Harnham Women's Institute  
Salisbury Methodist Churches  
Ayleswade Road and Swan Close
- 13 Start of Holy Week  
The residents and staff of Harnham Croft and Willowcroft  
Cecil Avenue and Meyrick Avenue
- 20 Easter Sunday  
Christians Against Poverty (CAP)  
Radcliffe Road and Wavell Road
- 27 St George's Church and its congregation  
St Mark's and St Andrew's Parish  
Old Street and Watersmeet Road  
Young Climate Activists

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### An Easter Prayer

Living Lord Jesus, We, your Easter People of today, thank You for the Easter People of the Gospel accounts.

For the women, who loved You so much that they went to the tomb, early in the morning, while it was still dark. Thank you especially for Mary, who wept, then rejoiced, then ran to tell the others, "I have seen the Lord!"

Thank you for Thomas, who doubted, then devoted his life to You, his Lord and his God; for the disciples who ate breakfast on the beach with You; for Peter, who was forgiven and re-commissioned by You.

Thank You for them and Your witnesses through all generations. Thank you for Your true and living written Word, proclaiming You, our true and living Lord, who lived and died and rose again to offer us forgiveness and life.

Thank you, Lord that because You live, we have hope and assurance, whatever challenges the world might bring.

*Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. Hallelujah!*

*By Daphne Kitching*

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### After Easter

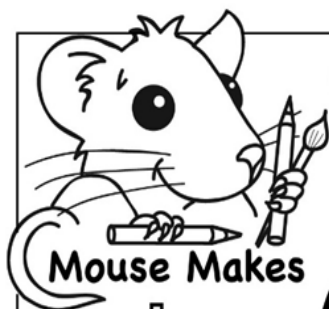
1. Don't leave our  
Lord amidst the lilies  
Within a hallowed  
sphere  
Don't praise Him only  
in your churches  
In Easter hymn and  
prayer...

2. Keep Him beside  
you  
Through The business  
of ordinary days,  
In the common place  
encounters  
Along the humdrum  
ways.

3. Our Master told us  
very simply  
What He would have  
us do....  
He taught: "Love one  
another  
Even as I love you."

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On the cross Jesus opened wide his arms for us.  
Jesus put an end to death by dying for us,  
and showed us the resurrection to  
come by His raising to new life!



## Jesus is risen!

The angel said:  
"Jesus ...is not here, for He  
has risen, just as He said."  
*Matthew 28:6*

## Jesus is here

Jesus said:  
"Where two or three  
come together  
in my name I am  
there with them."  
*Matthew 18:20*



**READ** the story of  
the resurrection in:  
*Matthew 28:1-10*  
*Mark 16:1-19*  
*Luke 24:1-49*  
*John 20:1-29*  
and *21:1-14*

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## Jesus will come again!

Jesus said:  
"I will come back  
and take you to  
myself so that you  
will be where I am."  
*John 14:3*



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## READINGS FOR APRIL

6	Passiontide begins Mission through the Franciscans Philippians 3:4b-14	John 12:1-8
13	Palm Sunday Liturgy of the Palms- Luke 19:28-40	Service - Luke 23:1-49
17	Maundy Thursday 1 Corinthians 11:23-26	John 13:1-17,31b-35
18	Good Friday Isaiah 52:13 - end of 53	John 18:1 - end of 19
20	Easter Day 1 Corinthians 15:19-26	John 20:1-18
27	St George's Patronal Festival tbc	

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## WHATS ON IN APRIL (E&OE)

Coffee and Chat every Wednesday & Saturday in Meeting Room 1000 -1200  
Wellbeing Walks (30mins) 1st and 3rd Wednesdays 10am from Parish Hall

*FOR ALL SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES SEE I/S FRONT COVER  
AND FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SEE PAGE 13*

1	Lent Talk and Compline at All Saints	2000
2	First Wednesday Talk in Parish Hall. Windsor Castle rebuild	1930
6	United Sung Communion at All Saints	1000
9	Pause for Thought at Rose and Crown	1930
10	Pause for Prosecco in Parish Hall Meeting Room	1930
13	PALM SUNDAY see page 13	
13	Messy Church in Parish Hall	1500
14	Spire u3a Meeting in Memorial Hall	1000 for 1030
15	Harnham WI in Parish Hall	1900
15	Walking the Way Of the Cross at All Saints	2000
16	Harnham Film Night at Social Club	tbc
16	Pause for Thought at Rose and Crown	1930
17	MAUNDY THURSDAY )	
18	GOOD FRIDAY ] see page 13	
20	EASTER SUNDAY )	
22	MU Diocesan Communion Service in Cathedral	1200
22	Magazine Collation in Meeting Room	1330
24	MU Meeting in Parish Hall	1430
26	Gardeners' Sharing Table on Parish Hall Field	1000-1200
27	ST GEORGE'S PATRONAL FESTIVAL	1000
27	Festival Bring and Share lunch in Parish Hall	1230
28	Harnham Women's Group in Scout Hall Turbans to Tulips	2000

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