

The Villager

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The community newsletter for Mapledurwell
Up Nately, Nately Scures and Newnham

DIANA'S FUNDRAISER FOR PICKUPS FOR PEACE



Diana Maclean volunteered to drive a 4WD vehicle carrying humanitarian aid from UK to Ukraine under a scheme run by Pickups for Peace (P4P). Here she is acknowledging the support of our villagers who assembled at the Mapledurwell pond to wish her and her co-driver Graeme Bon Voyage.

On going to press we have heard that after four days' hard driving they have reached their destination. The last leg was with 28 other P4P-supplied vehicles in convoy and with a military escort. We understand that Diana's journey was not without incident with various mechanical problems dogging them enroute. Her convoy is the first one of this year and all the drivers are being accommodated for two nights in Ukraine before travelling by train or bus to Poland for their flights back to UK. Diana has reported that there is a substantial bar in the hotel air-raid shelter!

P4P was the initiative of Scottish farmers who, from the beginning of last year have organised regular aid convoys to Ukraine. Their idea has spread across the country and Diana collected her vehicle from a Wiltshire farm where it has received its new army green colour and roadworthiness checks. Volunteer drivers have delivered over 250 vehicles to date, each self-funding their travel costs.

Such has been the enthusiast response, that sponsorship for Diana's journey on her Just Giving page has resulted in a significant sum towards meeting some of the procurement costs of vehicles, medical and other equipment. In the above picture, she is expressing her heartfelt appreciation for this. In her message to everyone, she spoke of the tremendous confidence this has given her to get the job done. On behalf of the beleaguered Ukrainian population who are the ultimate benefactors, she knows they would wish her to pass on their sincere vote of thanks as well.

MOTO J6 MSA

The planning application for a Motorway Service Area south of the M3 at J6 17/03487/FUL continues under consideration with new consultee and residents comments recently submitted.

Please if you get chance, review the responses and add your further comments. BDBC's Biodiversity team is now saying there is need for a full EIA (Environmental Impact Assessment) on Ecological grounds. There is also a petition:

www.ranil.uk/MSA

M3 MOTORWAY SERVICES AREA PETITION

The petition of residents of NE Hampshire

'Declares that urgent action must be taken concerning proposals for a new Motorway Service Areas (MSA) at Junction 6 of the M3; there is no need for any additional motorway service area given that the existing services at Fleet and Winchester are only 23 miles apart, which is already 5 miles within the Department for Transport's guidance for the distance between MSAs; the development of any new facilities will be detrimental to the environment, a listed landscape and building and traffic congestion; and the proposal made to date for a MSA at Junction 6 is not acceptable.

'The petitioners therefore request that the House of Commons urges HM Government and all relevant authorities make sure that protection of the environment, the preservation of a listed landscape and building, and the avoidance of traffic congestion are given priority over this unnecessary new Motorway Service Area at Junction 6 of the M3; and to make sure that further investment is encouraged at Fleet and Winchester.'

And the petitioners remain, etc.

RURAL TIMES WINTER EDITION

<https://orlo.uk/adiGZ>

'Sheep across the county will be bearing lambs... please take care to ensure you are not disturbing pregnant ewes or ewes with lambs.

'It is so important to keep dogs either on leads or under close control around livestock.

'If you see a sheep on its back, try to roll it over and raise the alarm with the farmer if this is possible.'

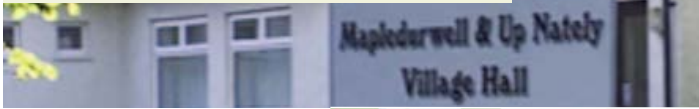
MAY PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Mapledurwell & Up Nately and Newnham Parishes have elections this year.

The Notice of Election will be published Friday 22 March.

Mapledurwell & Up Nately

www.mapledurwellvillagehall.co.uk



ANOTHER LITTER PICK



Following the huge success last year we will be running another litter picking drive from both Mapledurwell and Up Nately. All equipment provided. Coffee & cake after.
Sunday March 17th at 0900 from the Village Hall
Let's Clean up those Verges Before the Grass Grows!



EASTER BASKET WORKSHOP

MAPLEDURWELL & UP NATELY
VILLAGE HALL



**TUESDAY
26TH MARCH
2024
6-8PM
£25**

Join us in welcoming a season of bloom and make your own Easter basket masterpiece! All materials supplied, you will just need to bring your own secateurs!
Please contact Heather Ramsdale 07552506898 or
ramsdaleheather21@gmail.com



COME AND LEARN ABOUT THE HISTORY OF OUR VILLAGES

The archives will be open and long term residents available for questions!
Saturday April 27th 0930 at The Village Hall
Coffee and tea available

MOTHERING SUNDAY FAMILY SERVICE

**St Mary's
Mapledurwell
10 March, 10am**
ALL WELCOME



St Mary's, Mapledurwell.

PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

24/00319/FUL (Validated 14 Feb) Sheraton, Tunworth Road. Erection of replacement garage.

24/00288/HSE and **24/00289/LBC** (Validated 08 Feb) Mead House, Heather Row. Erection of two single storey rear extensions.

24/00239/LBC (Validated 05 Feb 2024) Webbs Farmhouse, Tunworth Road. Replacement front door.

23/03091/FUL (Validated 15 Dec) Nunnery House, Tunworth Road. Change of use of garage to ancillary annexe accommodation including new front porch, windows and doors.

23/02728/LDEU (Grant 16 Feb) The Old School House, Up Nately. Certificate of lawfulness for existing use of agricultural land as residential.

23/02653/FUL (Pending 23 Oct) The Farm, Tunworth Road. One four-bed house with associated garage, car parking driveway and stable.

23/02589/HSE (Pending 17 Oct) Old Church Cottage, St Mary's Church Road. Demolish chimney; replace dormer window E elevation; dormer window on W elevation, replace ground floor window and bi-folding doors; juliet balcony on S.

23/02518/LBC (Grant 16 Feb) WAT Stacy and Partners, Priory Farm. Consent to unauthorised demolition of listed building due to fire.

23/02103/FUL (Pending 18 August) Land Adjacent to Twine Rose Cottage, Heather Lane. Demolish outbuilding, new dwelling and garage.

23/01951/HSE (Granted 08 Feb) Arlings, Tunworth Road.

Replacement garage outbuilding.

23/01042/FUL (Granted 16 Feb) WAT Stacy & Partners. Priory Farm. Demolition two storage structures (one retrospective); erection of two new barns.

23/00962/TDC (Pending 10 May) Nunnery House. Technical Details Consent relating to design, access, landscape, services and scale of barn conversion ref 20/00009/PIP. Scheduled for Development Control 06 Mar. Recommended for approval.

22/02210/RET (Pending 05 Aug 2022) Priory Farmhouse. Variation of Condition 2 of 15/04301/FUL to allow continued use as Class E children's nursery to 2032.

APPEALS IN PROGRESS

APP/H1705/W/23/**3328799** Gamekeepers. Hardstanding for access to the cesspit, for deliveries and for additional parking; plus lighting.

APP/H1705/W/23/**3326507** & **3326513** (the latter for LBC). Blaegrove Cottage. Single storey rear extension incl works to rear garden and new retaining wall.

PARISH TREE APPLICATIONS

T/00122/24/TCA (Validated 22 Feb 2024) Allotments, Frog Lane. T1, T2, T3 Goat willows – coppice.

T/00018/24/TCA (Approve 13 Feb) Willow Bank, Tunworth Road. Eucalyptus: remove limb over highway.

T/00014/24/TCA (Approve 12 Feb) The Old School House, Up Nately. Tree 1: Oak, remove dead wood to approx 9m and maintain as a monolith; Tree 2: Ash, remove due to Ash die back Tree 3: Ash, removal of lower limb in phone lines.



The Chalk stream in full flow February 2024

POLICE UPDATE

From PCSO Andy Jones
We are keen to increase our dialogue with all members of our rural communities.

The Police are promoting Hampshire Alert. Please sign up and have the opportunity to tell your local Policing team the priorities as you see them for your area.

Here are two links that I would be most grateful if you could look at and sign up to using. The first leads you to a short survey about what matters to you so that the alerts can be tailored for you.

www.hampshirealert.co.uk/
www.hampshire.police.uk/

Below is an example of an alert we sent out recently. You will notice on the live system there is an option for you to share the message on Facebook and twitter and you can leave a reply to the alert.



HAMPSHIRE & ISLE OF WIGHT
CONSTABULARY



Witness appeal after equine equipment stolen in Oakley burglary

We are appealing for information following a burglary in Oakley in which equine clothing and equipment was stolen.

It took place at an address in the Station Road area sometime between 1.15am and 1.30am on Wednesday 7 February.

Entry was gained to a building and a number of items were stolen, including riding boots, clothing and a safe.

We are appealing for anyone who was in this area at the time and saw anything suspicious to contact us. Perhaps you saw a vehicle that you thought looked out of place?

Anyone with information should call us on 101, quoting the crime reference 44240055255, or via our website:

www.hampshire.police.uk/tua/tell-us-about/cor/tell-us-about-existing-case-report/

I'd like to take this opportunity to issue some wider advice to those who have horse tack and equipment.

Firstly, make sure everything is locked up securely. We have had incidents where doors have been left unlocked offering an easy access point for intruders.

In addition, we would encourage yard or stable owners to consider the following:

- Secure tack room windows on the inside with solid iron bars (not tubular steel)
- Secure all doors with good quality locks; use bolts (not screws) on the hinges
- If possible, create a physical barrier across a door. If you are an owner of heavy plant machinery then you could consider parking this in front of a door to block off access to any valuable equipment.
- Mark your tack, perhaps with your post code, using an ultraviolet pen
- display warning signage advertising CCTV
- secure gates with substantial padlocks, and heavy duty chains
- reverse top hinges on gates to prevent lifting
- install security lights and an intruder alarm.

For more information, please visit our dedicated rural crime prevention page on our website:

www.hampshire.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/rc/rural-crime/rural-crime-prevention/#tack

PCSO 13301 Andy Jones Mobile 07775542021

WHATSAPP GROUPS

Mapledurwell & Up Nately Community Chats

If you're not signed up to the Community whatsapp groups (and would like to be) please contact Parish Councillors – Hugo Cubitt or Colin Robertson – or any of your neighbours.
hugo.mandunpc@gmail.com
colin.mandunpc@gmail.com

HELP INFORM HANTS LOCAL NATURE RECOVERY STRATEGY

'We do need everyone to believe in the LNRS and its importance and potential. You can have your say...'

www.hants.gov.uk/land-planningandenvironment/nature-recovery-hampshire/hampshire-strategy

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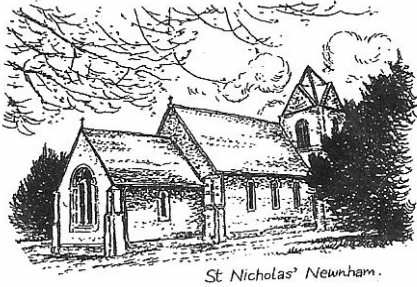
Nomination forms may be submitted to BDBC Democratic and Electoral Services between 10am and 4pm on any weekday, excluding bank holidays, from Friday 22 March 2024 until Friday 5 April 2024, inclusive.

The earliest that forms may be signed and dated is 05 March (one calendar month before the deadline for submitting to Basingstoke & Deane Electoral & Democratic Services).

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 13 MARCH 7PM, EVERYONE WELCOME

Parish Clerk new email address: clerk.mapledurwellupnately@gmail.com

Newnham & Nately Scures



St Nicholas' Newnham

**MOTHERING SUNDAY
FAMILY SERVICE**
with refreshments
10 March, 10 am
ALL WELCOME



ST NICHOLAS' NEWNHAM ANNUAL LENT LUNCH

Monday 18 March 12-2pm
Venue: Tithe Barn, Ridge Lane

Please join us for a light soup and bread lunch.

Donations invited for The Pink Place, a local charity providing cancer support services in and around North Hampshire

For catering purposes, please let us know you are coming by contacting Trudy Rankin 07975 957960 trudy@rankinfamily.com

PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

24/00384/HSE (Validated: Tue 20 Feb 2024) Wisteria Cottage, Ridge Lane. First floor extension over single storey ground floor footprint; internal reconfiguration; solar panels on flat roof; demolition of timber shed on front boundary and erection of timber shed on side boundary.

24/00294/ROC (Validated 09 Feb 2024) Land At Blackstocks Lane. Variation of Condition 1 of 22/02643/FUL (Erection of 1 no. dwelling with associated landscape and parking.) Addition of rooflights and additional rooms in roof (part retrospective).

23/03063/ROC (Validated 18 Dec 2023) Land At Blackstocks Lane, Nately Scures. Variation of condition 12 of 22/01675/FUL (Erection of 1 no. dwelling with associated garage and landscaping) to allow a revised Tree Protection Plan to reflect a new site entrance (created using permitted development rights.)

23/02765/ROC (Grant 16 Feb) Oakfield Farmhouse, Scures Hill. Variation of Conditions 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14 and 15 of 21/02135/RES. The application is for the consideration of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale only – pursuant to the outstanding matters reserved by condition 1 of the approved outline permission 16/00097/OUT allowed at appeal – to enable the phasing of three permitted dwellings, to be constructed and occupied as self-build dwellings.

23/02722/FUL (Pending 02 Nov) Land East Of Keepers, London Road, Nately Scures. The erection of 3no. detached dwellinghouses together with associated new access, car parking, drainage and hard and soft landscaping.

23/02203/TDC (Pending 26 September) Land At The Barracks. Technical Details Consent for the erection of four new homes in accordance with Permission in Principle 23/00347/PIP.

22/02097/FUL (Pending 09 Sept 2022) Nately Scures House, Scures Hill. New detached house, garage and access.

PARISH TREE APPLICATIONS

T/00543/23/TPO (Approve 20 Feb) Kiln Cottage, Scures Hill. T1 T2 T3 & T4 Oaks: removal. C11 Wisteria: removal.

LODGE FARM PREAPP (ODIHAM)

23/02242/PREAPP (Validated 09 October) Lodge Farm, Hook Road, North Warnborough. For circa 105,000 sqm GIA of commercial logistics floorspace (Use Class B2/B8) with ancillary office accommodation, associated car parking, plus landscaping and highway works.

NEWNHAM NOVELS

NEXT BOOK SALE

on Saturday 16 March
2-4pm in the Clubroom



Bring with you books you have read and are happy to donate, and / or buy others for 50p.

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NEWNHAM COMMUNITY'S



February winners are

£100 - Jeff Ford (54)

£50 - Terri Bomphrey (9)

£25 - Peter & Jane Lumley (61)

Carolyn Bell



CLUBROOM HIRE

For availability please see
<https://newnhamclubroom.org.uk/>
To book tel 07802 972722 or email
bookings@newnhamclubroom.org.uk
Wifi available.

New Parish Clerk email address
clerk.newnham@gmail.com

HANTS LOCAL NATURE RECOVERY STRATEGY CONSULTATION

www.hiwwt.org.uk/blog/debbie-tann/together-we-must-make-2024-pivotal-year-natures-recovery



Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust

'If done well, the LNRS could not only set out an evidence-based plan for where nature is and should be, but could

underpin effective, sustainable development for our two counties – easing current challenges for planning authorities and others by front-loading environmental considerations, rather than dealing with them as after-thoughts or obstacles to get around.

'But for this to happen, we do need everyone to believe in the LNRS and its importance and potential. You can have your say...' **PLEASE RESPOND TO THE CONSULTATION.**

www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/nature-recovery-hampshire/hampshire-strategy



Newnham Green main pond February 2024

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL PARISH-FUNDED 20MPH POLICY

Following pressure from Councillors and Communities for a default 20mph limit in certain locations and circumstances, HCC ran a public consultation.

The 'Decision Day' 15 January report from the consultation details recommendations as extracts below.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT POLICY UPDATE: 20 MPH SPEED LIMITS & ZONES

2. Recommendations to incorporate an updated policy position on 20mph speed limits and zones that includes a mechanism for Parish and Town Councils to request 20mph speed restrictions, on a full cost recovery basis.

7. All proposed speed limit changes will require approval from the County Council, as the Highway Authority, and will need to meet the technical criteria set out.

9. The procedure for making an order, as provided under The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996, will apply to every application and consultation will be required and due legal process followed. In some cases, the outcome of this process may mean a scheme cannot go ahead.

34. An application form will be produced and made available shortly which will be subject to a non-refundable application fee of £175.

35. Currently the fee to progress a Traffic Order, which includes the statutory consultation process to make any speed limit changes legal... is approximately £10,000. This fee does not include the costs associated with the investigation, design and installation of the scheme [or] the £320 commuted sum, which covers the costs of future maintenance responsibility for each new sign installed.

... Parish and Town Councils will be responsible for all scheme costs up front and a scheme may be refused at the Traffic Order stage, ie without a speed limit change ever being delivered.. the costs will not be refundable.

38. 20mph speed limits will only be considered where existing 'before' mean traffic speeds are below the 24 or 26mph threshold respective to the hierarchy of roads. Additional traffic calming measures may be possible in some cases in order to achieve the required mean speeds but this will need to be at the applicants own expense.

41. Hampshire & Isle of Wight Constabulary do not support the introduction of 20mph speed limits in general terms because there is no evidence, according to the Department for Transport, that accidents are reduced (or increase) with their implementation and because mean speeds only reduce by 1-2 mph.

NATURAL BASINGSTOKE

<http://naturalbasingstoke.org.uk/>

Natural Basingstoke is a network of local community conservation and wildlife groups in the borough (and is now also considering inviting Parish Councils to be associate members).

If you would be interested in setting up / joining a Community Conservation Group in Newnham please let me know su.newnham@btinternet.com or contact Natural Basingstoke directly.

HWARG

Hants & Isle of Wight Amphibian & Reptile Group
<https://groups.arguk.org/hiwarg>

Newnham is incredibly fortunate that HWARG oversees the management of the Newnham Green ponds – and their volunteer working parties do most of the work. They will be taking windows of opportunity for working parties later in the year where it is dry and invite any extra help.

Dates will be posted later in the year but will depend on weather and pond conditions.

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL FUTURE SERVICES CONSULTATION

Public consultation on 13 service change proposals to meet a £132m budget shortfall by April 2025.

Consultation to 11.59pm on Sunday 31 March.

HCC is looking to reduce services to statutory minimum.

www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/future-services-consultation

'All areas of the County Council have been asked to consider what savings could be achieved from only providing the legal minimum of services we are required to deliver. We will not go below the legal minimum and will continue to prioritise essential areas such as protecting children from harm, social care for older people, and supporting adults and children with disabilities and additional needs.'

Services / funding under review:

- Contributions towards non-residential Adult Social Care costs
- Adult Social Care grants programme for voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations
- Competitive (one-off) grant schemes
- Hampshire Cultural Trust
- The planned maintenance budget for Highways
- Highways' winter services
- Homelessness Support Services
- Household Waste and Recycling Centres (HWRCs)
- Spend on library stock
- Passenger transport
- Rural countryside car parking charges
- School Crossing Patrols
- Street lighting.

Church Notices

'Journeying together, we worship God and serve the community'

www.united-parish.org.uk
<https://www.moretolife.church>

From the Parish Registers

Interment of Ashes: Daphne Bird,
 St Mary's Greywell, 19th January



North Hants Downs Mother's Union
 Unfortunately we have to cancel our meeting in February, so we will hold our delayed AGM on Monday 4th March. We will also make plans for the rest of the year, and in particular our knitting project for this year. There is also a Diocesan information Day at St Gabriel's Church in Popley, Basingstoke, on Tuesday 12th March from 10am to 2pm when we will be hearing about the work of the charity StopDomesticAbuse who run refuges for women escaping from Domestic Abuse. Anyone is welcome to come along and join us for this meeting and learn how each of us can help to support those who suffer from domestic abuse.

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

EXILE, TRUTH, AND THE LONGING FOR HOME.

A Lent Course based on the film
The Man Who Knew Infinity

Join us over four weeks of Lent as we explore some significant Christian themes raised by the acclaimed film by Matt Brown which explores the contrasting lives of two Cambridge mathematicians GH Hardy and Srinivasa Ramanujan.

Using the film as our base we will explore Biblical themes of faith and exile, friendship with God, the longing for home and the nature of truth.

All Saints' Odiham, 7.30pm - 9pm

Feb 27, Film Night: *The Man Who Knew Infinity*

Mar 05, Life in a foreign land

Mar 12 - What is truth?

Mar 19 - Bridging the gap and homeward bound

To book a place email sam@moretolife.church or joanna@moretolife.church

or call the benefice office on 01256 703791



From the Ministry Team

Chocolate. I love chocolate. Nothing quite beats a nice hot cup of tea or coffee and good bit of chocolate.

Dark, milk, white, flavoured, plain...I just love the stuff. I probably love it a bit more than I should, but it's wonderful stuff. And with Easter coming up, I am excited!

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

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

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

shocked, confused and unprepared.

There was one who was prepared however. One who not only knew this was all going to happen, but had planned it this way. Jesus himself. This had been the plan all along. People had become distant and separated from God, but God wanted to be close again.

So Jesus came. Died. Rose again. All of this to bring us back to God, to help us build a relationship with him. To be close to him.

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

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

Happy Easter!

Revd Matt Bianchi

Mission Priest

North Hampshire Downs Benefice

CHURCH SERVICES MARCH INTO APRIL

Sunday 3rd March

9am St Mary's Mapledurwell, CW Holy Communion

11am St Mary's Greywell, Morning Worship with Baptism

Mothering Sunday 10th March

9am St Stephen's Up Nately, BCP Holy Communion (said)

10am St Mary's Mapledurwell, Mothering Sunday Service

10am St Nicholas' Newnham, Mothering Sunday Family Service

11am St Mary's Greywell, Mothering Sunday Service

Sunday 17th March

9am St Mary's Greywell, CW Holy Communion

11am St Mary's Mapledurwell, Informal Service

11am St Swithun's Nately Scures, 1662 Matins

Sunday 24th March

10am St Nicholas' Newnham, BCP Holy Communion

11am St Stephen's Up Nately, Morning Worship with Baptism

Maundy Thursday 28th March

7.30pm All Saints Odiham, Benefice CW Holy Communion service with Tenebrae

Good Friday 29th March

10am St Mary's Upton Grey, Benefice Good Friday Family Workshop (followed by short informal service)

11am St Swithun's Nately Scures, Good Friday Reflection

Easter Sunday 31st March

9am St Stephen's Up Nately, BCP Holy Communion

9.30am St Mary's Greywell, Family Service

11am St Mary's Mapledurwell, CW Holy Communion

11am St Nicholas' Newnham, Family Communion

Sunday 07 April

9am St Mary's Mapledurwell, CW Holy Communion

11am St Mary's Greywell, Morning Worship.



Helen Chatfield
 Youth Pastor, More to Life network of
 Churches
 North Hampshire Downs Benefice

KIDZONE

Hi everyone!

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

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

I wonder if you've ever played that game, where you've sat opposite someone and they've tried to make you laugh. Maybe you've held out for 30 seconds? Maybe a minute? Maybe you started laughing before they even did anything!

We all know our faces show the way we feel. Sometimes we try to hide it, but we're not always so great at hiding how we feel. Today, I don't want you to hide it! I want you to read this story, and as you do, I want you to doodle faces to show how the people in the story feel about what is happening.

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

He had been crucified and died on a cross. He was buried in a borrowed tomb and the women were going to put spices on His body.

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

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

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

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

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

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

God Bless and see you next time!
 Helen C

CRAFTS - GAMES - STORIES - SNACKS
 FOLLOWED BY A SHORT INFORMAL SERVICE AND
 HOT CROSS BUNS!

ALL AGES WELCOME!

discover
more+
 Good Friday Family Workshop...
 Friday 29th March 10:00 - 11:00
 St. Mary's Upton Grey
 Please contact Helen at
 youth@moretolife.church for more
more+ information
 St Mary's Upton Grey www.moretolife.church

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION WITH TENEBRAE

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

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

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

Rev'd Chris Dudgeon
 Vicar, All Saints Odiham

LAY VOCATIONS MORNING

Saturday 6 April, 9.30am - 12.30pm

All Saints Church Hall, St Leonards & St Ives
(nr Ringwood) BH24 2LS

Do you think God might be calling you to use your gifts to serve Jesus Christ? But unsure of what your next step might be?

Join us at All Saints Church Hall, St Leonards & St Ives, where Bishop David will talk about God's calling on our lives and how we can respond to that call. The Winchester School of Mission team will explain the pathways available and afterwards the team will be on hand to answer questions.

- Do you already serve or want to serve but would value training and networking opportunities? – Come and find out more about the Bishop's Commission for Mission (BCM) available in Pastoral Care, Worship, Children, Youth & Families Ministry, and Beyond Church Walls.
- Do you feel called to preach regularly in your church? - Our Bishop's Permission To Preach programme could help you flourish.
- Would you like to explore licensed lay ministry? - We can help you explore the pathways available.

All are welcome to join us for this morning, designed to help you prayerfully consider your response to God's call on your life - no strings or expectations attached. Please contact Tracey Nicholls via tracey.nicholls@winchester.anglican.org to book your place.



THE JUBILEE CHOIR

Fauré Requiem

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH ODIHAM

Sunday 17 March 6.30pm

Requiem and Cantique de Jean Racine by Gabriel Fauré. Tickets £15, free under 18, from www.jubileechoir.com
Katharine Jane in Odiham High Street or Lynn Lymer on 07837 571708.

OUT AND ABOUT TAKING IN THE FRESH AIR!

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

We now have a new addition 'Pam's Corner' where one of our gardening enthusiasts suggests local gardens worth getting out and visiting during the coming month. Her first selection focused on Snowdrops and included Welford Park, Little Court and Timber Hill. This month her theme is Daffodils and Rhododendrons and her recommendations are Beechenwood Farm, Roke Lane and Ramster Garden, near Chiddingfold.

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

The Nordic Walking group is also out every week in all weathers, with the exception of the most icy, snowy, windy or rainy conditions; apparently even they're not that crazy!

And although not outside, an activity enjoyed by a growing number members is Pickle Ball. They play fortnightly on a Friday afternoon at Hart Leisure Centre and the focus is on inclusivity and enjoyment rather than out-and-out competitiveness.

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

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NORTH WARNBOROUGH AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

Next meeting Thursday 28th March
N W/borough Village Hall 2.30pm.

Talk by Geoff Peach on 'Topiary & Hedging'. March competitions: A vase of spring flowers; three varieties of narcissi. Visitors are always welcome
<https://www.nwdgc.org.uk>

CROSS BARN ODIHAM FILM / THEATRE

Mar 15 Film: *The Miracle Club* (Maggie Smith, Kathy Bates, Laura Linney, Agnes O'Casey). '...gently humorous, mildly sentimental, but, thanks to its excellent cast, contains moments of real dramatic tension' – *Irish Independent*

Mar 22 Film: *Napoleon* (Joaquin Phoenix, Vanessa Kirby). 'An awe-inspiring achievement' – *BBC Culture*

Apr 19 Film: *One Life* (Anthony Hopkins, Johnny Flynn, Helena Bonham Carter, Lena Olin, Jonathan Pryce). 'A remarkable WWII story' – *Time Out*. 'With riveting performances by the extraordinary Anthony Hopkins, Helena Bonham Carter and Johnny Flynn plus every supporting actor, it moved me beyond words.' – *IMDb*

Doors open at 19.00. Performance starts at 19.30. Coffee/tea, wine and ice cream available at all events.

Film £7, NT Live £15. Purchase tickets online at www.thecrossbarn.org.uk

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