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Dear Readers,

Here it is: the final issue of the CFN with me as editor. I have performed that function for the past six years and feel that the time has now come for me to hand over to someone else. I have no regrets about taking on the job, but I am now pleased to be able to hand over to Roger Paul who, I am sure, will prove to be a very worthy successor.

I should like to thank readers for their contributions and their kind words of appreciation, and also the proof-readers and printers who do such a lot to ensure the quality of the final product.

The email address will remain unchanged after the change of editor.

Andrew Thomson

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Front cover: Garden of Gethsemane, Jerusalem. *Mat. 26:36, Mark 14:32*

**Photograph by Lorna Thomson March 2022**

# THE RECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

This letter comes as we approach Easter. In this country at least it is Spring time and we are surrounded by spring flowers, blossom on trees, and often lambs in the fields, all of which are signs of new life and hope. Easter is also a season of new life and hope and, as I write this letter, it feels very much that we need to hear some words of hope at this time, particularly for the people of Ukraine.

Over the last couple of weeks we have witnessed scenes that we hoped and prayed we would not have to witness again in our world, but we are doing, as one country declares war upon another. The scenes broadcast on news coverage of the Russian invasion of Ukraine are truly horrifying and I have been left close to tears on many an occasion. The many fleeing for their lives are left bewildered, confused, dismayed and fearful of the future. Their hearts are broken for all that is lost. As I watched the Russians destroy that hospital with children and women in labour I asked myself "why?" What was such an act achieving? I couldn't find the words to even begin to articulate an answer. Where is the hope in this?

I watch in horror as the Ukrainians: women, children and the elderly flee, becoming refugees, and I am reminded that sadly this is nothing new. We have seen humanity destroy and hurt itself throughout history and we are left as always with another humanitarian disaster. Many are asking what they can do to help. We can of course give generously of our money through the various disaster appeals that are around. We can send aid and provisions for those who have lost everything, both for those still in Ukraine and those who have fled to neighbouring countries who are offering shelter and help. Many have already done this, thank you. There is also now the chance to offer a spare room or home to a refugee family by registering on a Government website. If you are doing this please, whilst it is very much appreciated, do think about all it will entail including the fact that many of these people will be very traumatised. There are agencies that are used to

dealing with such situations that can offer advice if you are thinking of doing this. Do take that advice, as what no one wants is to offer a home and then have to take it away from those already in distress. Sometimes, though, all we can do is pray and we should never forget how effective prayer is.

Prayer can be hard; often we are left wondering if God has heard our prayers and if God is a loving God why does he let all these things happen? There are no easy answers but I believe we do have a God who hears when we cry out in pain and despair, we do have a God who weeps at the destruction and devastation and we do have a God who walks and weeps with the people of Ukraine.

In the Bible we encounter stories of wars and people fleeing into exile. Jesus himself was no stranger to this, fleeing with his parents at a very early age in fear of his life. Jesus also knew what it was like to be tortured and killed by those who didn't like or agree with what he stood for, in other words those who saw him as a threat to their greed and want of control and power.

At this Easter time the story of Jesus' suffering and death is very much in our minds as we follow him from the alleluia of Palm Sunday, through the events of Holy Week, to his death on the cross on Good Friday, to the joy of His resurrection on Easter Day. Jesus trod the path of human suffering as he journeyed to that cross and he walks with the Ukrainian people and all who are suffering this day. But as Christians we know the cross is not the end, Jesus rises from the dead to new life. Love, hope and new life conquer death and darkness. This is where we as Christians find our hope even in the darkest of times.

The Easter story tells us that hope is stronger than despair, that love is stronger than hate, that peace is stronger than war and that life is stronger than death.

I pray this Easter that we may all know a world of love, hope, peace and new life, but especially the people of Ukraine.

Wishing you all a blessed Easter.

*Linda*

# LETTER FROM THE DIOCESE

## Simeon and Anna

I was recently invited to speak at a local church about Luke's account of when Mary and Joseph presented the baby Jesus at the temple.

(Luke 2:21-40)



Luke's account begins as an ordinary event that many Jewish families would have gone through. It is something that would have happened to Joseph at the same age, the same as his father and his father before him. Although the visit starts off as an ordinary family event things soon become extraordinary, simply because Jesus was no ordinary Jewish child. The baby that Mary and Joseph were taking to be blessed is God incarnate – the saviour that the Jews have been waiting for. There were two amazing people in the temple who recognised this - Simeon and Anna. First of all, Simeon comes forward. Luke tells us that Simeon was righteous and devout, and the Holy Spirit was on him. God had promised Simeon that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. On that particular day Simeon had been prompted by the Spirit to go to the temple and there he met face to face the one that he had been waiting for. Simeon took the baby Jesus in his arms and praised God. Then Anna steps forward – Luke tells us that she was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. Coming up to the young couple Anna gave thanks to God for all that Jesus would go on to do.

Luke finishes this amazing account with the simple line, 'And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.' If I could have any prayer for the children and young people within our local schools and communities that would be it. Wouldn't it be amazing if we could say that of every one of our young people - that they were healthy, wise, and they knew God's grace? The challenge for us as Church and Community is simply what part are we willing to play in helping that to be the case?

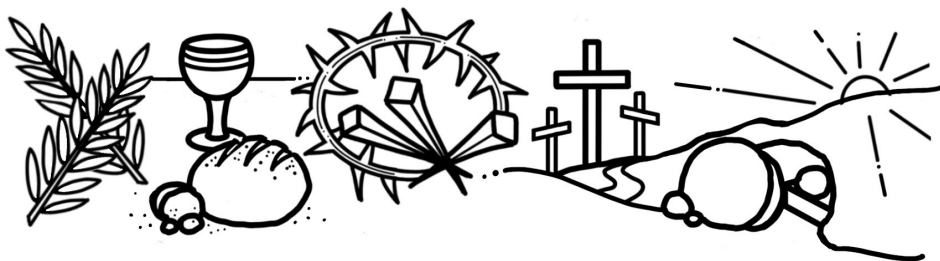
There are many ways that we can do this. First and foremost is by committing to pray for the young people regularly – organisations such as Pray for Schools can help you do this. Secondly by showing you care for them – this could be by making them feel welcome in church or by volunteering in schools. And finally speaking truth and hope into their lives. A great way to do this is through leading school worship (for Primary Schools, 'Open the Book' is a great organisation to get involved) or even to explore the possibility of chaplaincy. Are we willing to be faithful, as were Simeon and Anna, and to join in raising up each new generation?

*Alex Wolvers is Lichfield Diocese's Schools Mission Enabler which means she is both part of the team of advisers and also encourages our schools and churches to work together especially around chaplaincy and community projects.*

### **Can you help?**

After winning the best kept churchyard in the Diocese award last year we are planning on entering again this year. However, we are looking for some more volunteers to swell the team. We are meeting for the first time this year on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 10am - 12, so come along and see who we are and what we do (there will be tea/coffee and biscuits). If you can't make that date come along on either Monday or Tuesday every week from 9am – 12 when 2 of the team will be working in the churchyard.

**Angela Price**



## A week in Israel

In mid-March I went on a long-awaited trip to Israel. I was originally booked to go in March 2020, which turned out to be very bad timing; but March 2022 was the perfect time to go!

There was a lot to fit into seven days, and I came back needing a rest, but it was a fantastic and memorable trip. There were sixteen of us, plus the couple leading the trip, and most of us didn't know each other beforehand. We got on really well as a group, which was a blessing.

The week was split into four days staying in Jerusalem, and three days in Galilee. Exploring Jerusalem was fascinating, the old city sits on a high plateau, with dramatic valleys round it. The Temple Mount was a highlight, including the Western (Wailing) Wall and the Southern Wall steps. Jesus would certainly have walked up those steps, and we spent some time there reading Psalm 121, one of the Psalms of Ascent, as we walked up the steps. The Mount of Olives, east of the old city, slopes steeply, with great views over the city. We stopped at Dominus Flevit church (Latin for "the Lord wept"), where we remembered how Jesus wept over Jerusalem (Luke 19:41).

We also went to the Garden of Gethsemane (see front cover) where we saw ancient olive trees, and to the Garden Tomb, a possible site of the crucifixion and burial of Jesus, and a peaceful spot. We had communion together there.

While staying in Jerusalem we had a trip out to Bethlehem, only a few miles away, to the Church of the Nativity, and the shepherds' fields, remembering the announcing of Jesus' birth by a host of angels, and centuries before, the wonderful story of Ruth, an ancestor of King David and Jesus.

Leaving Jerusalem we drove east through the desert area of Wadi Kelt and down to Jericho and the Dead Sea, 430 metres below sea level, and much warmer than Jerusalem which was unseasonably cold! We saw the site of the Dead Sea scroll discovery in the caves of Qumran and had a float in the salty water.



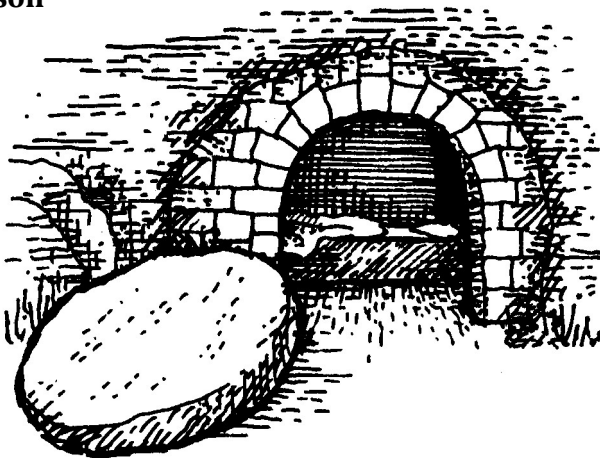
From there the coach took us north to Tiberias by the Sea of Galilee, to our lovely hotel by the water. The following morning in beautiful sunshine we had a boat trip on the lake, complete with the singing of worship songs, Jewish dancing, and reflecting on the calling of the first disciples.

We saw the River Jordan and spent an afternoon in the city of Nazareth, visiting the central Church of the Annunciation, and a reconstruction of the first century village (see photo on back cover).

Towards the end of the week we gained an appreciation of grand Roman architecture in the ruins of Beit Shean, and Caesarea on the Mediterranean coast, our guide giving us many archaeological insights. We also passed the kibbutz where my brother, Jamie, volunteered during his gap year in 1987!

It was, as I say, a fantastic and memorable trip, with some surprises. I wasn't prepared for the number of churches, and in place of the humble stable and likely site of the tomb, we found ornately decorated churches and many tourists with cameras, like ourselves. While appreciating God's faithfulness over many centuries I was reminded that one doesn't need to travel far to meet Jesus, He is right here whenever we turn to Him.

## **Lorna Thomson**



## Mary Jones Walk

Among my presents last Christmas was a slim booklet entitled The Mary Jones Walk. It relates how, in the year 1800, a 15 year old girl walked 28 miles barefoot across mid-Wales to collect a bible. This walk has now been consolidated with maps and signs and the booklet so that walkers can follow the same route. We are planning to follow in the footsteps of Mary Jones in May this year and are hoping to raise money for St Mary's church, Hordley and also for the Severn Hospice, which has provided end-of-life support for several in our local community.

Over the past two years I have completed walks of a similar length, accompanied and ably assisted by my wife, Mary, and our daughter, Lorna. This year we expect to be joined by our son, Jamie, coming from his home in Australia to take part; he plans to do at least part of the walk barefoot. The distance of 28 miles might be quite easily achieved by a younger person, but for an 82 year old it will be quite a challenge, especially since we expect to be faced with some hilly sections. I shall repeat the daily bulletins that were such a success in our previous walks.

I should like to thank all those who made contributions to my sponsorship appeals over the last two years and hope that they will feel able to repeat their generosity again this year. I am now finding that I have to dig a bit deeper into my physical reserves each year in order to complete these activities, so I do not expect to try again after this year. If you would like to support us you could do so by cash, or a cheque made payable to PCC of Hordley. Please send your donation to Andrew or Mary, or visit the Just Giving website as below. Any money received as a result of this sponsorship will be divided equally between St Mary's church and Severn Hospice. The costs incurred for this venture will be met privately.

To visit the fundraising page enter the following web address:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/andrew-thomson28>

To read more about the proposed walk enter "Mary Jones Walk" as a search term.

**Andrew Thomson**

## A Psalm for the Walk

*Show me where to walk, for I give myself to you.*

*Rescue me from my enemies, Lord;*

*I run to you to hide me.*

*Teach me to do your will, for you are my God.*

*May your gracious Spirit lead me forward on a firm footing.*

Psalm 143:8-10

## All Saints "100 Club" Winners

Feb 2022	No 63	C Doyle	March 2022	No 96	S Payne
	No 117	E McIver		No 137	M Lokier

**Pat Davies**



Seen on a garden wall in Eardiston, in the lanes about half-way between Baschurch and Oswestry.

# St James the Least of All

## On how maintaining the churchyard can lead to turf wars

The Rectory

St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

Consider yourself fortunate that your churchyard consists of no more than a small, paved area, and that keeping it tidy requires ten minutes of picking up discarded takeaway boxes on Sunday morning. Our four acres of grass and randomly placed gravestones absorbs a large portion of the time and energy of half the parish.

By getting different people to adopt sections of the churchyard, the hope was that an element of competition would be introduced; Major Rutherford would never let Admiral Crompton's section look tidier than his and the local farmers would want to show the amateurs that they knew far more about land maintenance.

Sadly, human nature has got in the way – as it invariably does. Miss Timmins has declared her section a nature reserve, so that the cuddly field mice and darling hedgehogs have somewhere to live in. This now means that crossing from her patch to the next feels like crossing from Kew Gardens to the Amazon Rainforest. Two feet high grass and a profusion of dandelions give way to manicured lawn with any weed daring to pop its head above the parapet being beheaded in seconds. Miss T is toying with erecting a fence round her plot, to keep her dear furry friends safe and Sir Horace is threatening to have it electrified, to make sure they do not defile his grass billiard table.

Mr Tremble, a retired health and safety officer, whose well-meaning advice on avoiding accidents is such a burden, is applying to have all the gravestones on his patch levelled, so that no one could be killed by having a fall on them. The fact that this has never happened in 600 years, seems an irrelevance to him. On the other hand, his neighbour spends summer evenings painting his stones with sour milk, in order to encourage lichen. Mr Tremble's warning that some lichens can be quite poisonous have so far fallen on deaf ears.

A local farmer, who maintains the boundary walls, generously planted cherry trees all around the perimeter; not only for their looks in Spring, but so that the birds would have somewhere to roost. Sadly, Lady Lipton, while resting from maintaining her plot, tends to stupefy them when she smokes her briar pipe.

The only area which no one dares criticise surrounds the mausoleum of the Luscombes, maintained by the gardening staff of the present Lord. It contains such a collection of rogues and miscreants that parishioners fear their anger at being disturbed may even cross the divide of death.

I hesitate to admit it, but the thought of an area of concrete with a few pizza boxes scattered round does at times hold a certain attraction.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

## **Hordley News**

Astonishing news has reached us about our efforts in the Ride and Stride in September last year. It seems that our efforts produced the fourth largest amount of sponsorship money in the whole of Shropshire. For a parish of only around 260 residents that is quite an achievement. Including gift aid we raised £1017 for the Shropshire Historic Churches Trust. Slightly less than half of that came back to the parish. (Exactly half before gift aid was claimed.) A certificate is to be presented to us in church during the summer.

The Annual Parish Church Meeting (APCM) will be held during the service on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April. It would be good to have a reasonable turnout to hear the annual reports.

The winner of the lottery draw in March was Mrs Muriel Manford with number 48. Amazingly enough she also won in February. This is not the first time this has happened: in 2004 Jane Woolley won in both February and March with number 7! If there have been other instances, I haven't spotted them.

**Mary Thomson**

## **HOLY TRINITY WESTON LULLINGFIELDS**

Over the weekend of 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> June there will be lots to see and do in Weston Lullingfields to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

The church will be providing refreshments in the village hall on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> and the village hall is having a family fun day on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>. The church social committee would be very grateful for contributions of cakes, scones, cheese scones, etc. as well as helpers on the day to help in the kitchen. We would also be grateful for raffle prizes please. Thank you.

There will also be a Barn Dance in the village hall on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30. More details will follow in the next magazine

On 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022 Holy Trinity Church, Weston Lullingfields, will also be having a Flower Festival within the Church to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Everyone in the community is invited to attend.

Whilst we have a number of volunteers, one of the things the team needs is additional flowers from peoples' gardens, donations etc. We will need the flowers to be freshly cut on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

If you can provide any flowers from your garden (any colours) or wish to donate any flowers then please give Jackie Jones a call on 01939 260946. Jackie will be very pleased to speak to you.

This is a repeat from last month and I make no apology for repeating it. . Can you spare the time to help with fund-raising for the church? Some of our regular social committee members have stood down after many years and we would be happy to welcome new people. The money raised from social events is much needed for the upkeep of the fabric of the church and the payment of our Parish Share.

**Anita Weeks**

## WESTON CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTIES

These will start up again in April and continue until October. Anyone welcome. Second Saturday in the month starting April 9<sup>th</sup> 10.00am until midday. Coffee break included.

Stop off at the churchyard and walk around. The spring flowers are looking really good now.

**Jane Ing**

### Weston All Girls Group ( WAGGS)

We are a new women's group and would love to welcome you to join us for food, fun, friendship and anything that takes our fancy. We will be holding an Open meeting on Mon, 9<sup>th</sup> May at Weston Village Hall from 7.30pm. If you would like to come along or get further details please contact Cathy Welsby on 07771 850608

#### From the Registers

##### Baschurch

Eileen Joyce Falconer, Funeral at Emstrey on 23<sup>rd</sup> March

##### Hordley

Carolyn Newbold died on 27<sup>th</sup> February aged 79, funeral at Emstrey on 16<sup>th</sup> March

Simon Lister died on 27<sup>th</sup> February, funeral at Emstrey on 21<sup>st</sup> March

## **DEMENTIA FRIENDLY CHURCHES**

Christine Bryden, an Australian catholic who lives with dementia says: “ I may not be able to take an active part in worship, but I can receive the gifts of love and grace. This is the good news of the Gospel for those living with dementia: we are equal before God in receiving divine love and grace”. As dementia progresses, patterns of life change not just for the person living with dementia but those around them too.

Many of us have direct experience of dementia, a partner or parent, friend or neighbour. We are committed to naming and facing dementia together, both acknowledging the change and the inevitable loss that brings whilst also affirming the life and love that can be shared on the path through dementia.

A number of us have shared a series of Zoom sessions featuring short videos created by Sarah Thorpe, Dementia Friendly Church Enabler. The latest Zoom was on 14th March 2022 when we considered together “Dementia and Spirituality”. Participants have found these events enlightening and helpful especially in recognizing that those living with dementia are just as special and unique as everyone else. Their world of reality may sometimes seem different from ours but still it is their reality and it is good to try and ‘meet’ them there.

The next Zoom meetings will take place on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April and 25<sup>th</sup> April. Please get in touch with Jeremy Stretton for the link.

**On 5th April 2022 we are holding a ‘Dementia Friends’ Awareness session for an hour at St Mary’s Church, Ellesmere between 4.00-5.00pm.** The event helps provide some tools and understanding in simple language of what dementia is, what that world can be like and how all of us can help add quality of life to those on the dementia pathway. Although mainly aimed at St Mary’s PCC Members and Welcomers we welcome anyone reading this article to get in touch with Jeremy Stretton (details below) if you would like to join us there. If so, please let him know in advance to ensure sufficient seating etc is available. If we are over-subscribed we will arrange a follow-up event shortly after 5th April .

With best wishes and thank you for your continued support,

Jeremy. Email : [jeremy.stretton@icloud.com](mailto:jeremy.stretton@icloud.com)



## New Testament Daily Bible Readings for

### Morning Prayer in April

DATE	READING	DATE	READING	DATE	READING
<b>1</b>	Hebrews 10:26-end	<b>12</b>	Luke 22:24-53	<b>23</b>	1 Corin- thians 15:51-end
<b>2</b>	Hebrews 11:1-16	<b>13</b>	Luke 22:54-end	<b>24</b>	1 Peter 1:3-12
<b>3</b>	Romans 7:21 -8:4	<b>14</b>	Luke 23:1-25	<b>25</b>	Colossians 1:1-14
<b>4</b>	Hebrews 11:17-31	<b>15</b>	John 18	<b>26</b>	Colossians 1:15-end
<b>5</b>	Hebrews 11:32-12:2	<b>16</b>	John 2:18-22	<b>27</b>	Colossians 2:1-15
<b>6</b>	Hebrews 12:3-13	<b>17</b>	John 2:13-22	<b>28</b>	Colossians 2:16-3:11
<b>7</b>	Hebrews 12:14-end	<b>18</b>	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	<b>29</b>	Colossians 3:12-4:1
<b>8</b>	Hebrews 13:1-16	<b>19</b>	1 Corinthians 15:12- 19	<b>30</b>	Colossians 4:2-end
<b>9</b>	Hebrews 13:17-end	<b>20</b>	1 Corinthians 15:20- 28		
<b>10</b>	1 Corinthians 2:1-12	<b>21</b>	1 Corinthians 15:29- 34		
<b>11</b>	Luke 22:1-23	<b>22</b>	1 Corinthians 15:35- 50		

## Services for April

### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

8am BCP Communion at All Saints' Baschurch

9.30am Worship for All – Holy Trinity Weston Lullingfields

11am Holy Communion – Baschurch

6.30pm Contemporary Worship – Baschurch

### **Services from Palm Sunday, through Holy Week and Easter**

#### **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April – Palm Sunday**

9.15am Worship for All at St Mary's Hordley

9.30am Palm Sunday Praise at Holy Trinity Weston Lullingfields

11am Holy Communion All Saints' Baschurch

#### **Monday 11<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April**

Reflection for Holy Week on Zoom at 7pm – email

[linda@allsaintsbaschurch.com](mailto:linda@allsaintsbaschurch.com) for the link (lasts half an hour)

#### **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April – Maundy Thursday**

7.30pm Holy Communion with Foot Washing (optional) at All Saints' Baschurch.

This service will be followed by The Watch until 10pm (optional)

#### **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Good Friday**

9.15am An hour at the Cross - St Mary's Hordley

11am An hour at the Cross - Holy Trinity Weston Lullingfields

11am An Act of Witness on the Green in Baschurch (Opposite the Spar)

1pm Stations of the Cross - All Saints' Baschurch

2pm An hour at the Cross - All Saints' Baschurch

## **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Day**

6am Sunrise Service - All Saints' Baschurch followed by breakfast

8am Holy Communion – Book of Common Prayer - All Saints' Baschurch

9.15am Holy Communion – St Mary's Hordley

9.30am Holy Communion - Holy Trinity Weston Lullingfields

11am Holy Communion - All Saints' Baschurch

## **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April**

9.15am Easter Praise with APCM – St Mary's Hordley

11am Holy Communion with APCM – All Saints' Baschurch

4pm Forest Church – All Saints' Baschurch

**Forest Church** – A half hour service for Families at 4pm on the 4th Sunday of the month. Outdoors and includes a craft activity and hot chocolate at the end.

Next services **24<sup>th</sup> April and 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

### **Special Services coming up:**

Ascension Day – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 7pm at Lyneal with Colemere

Pentecost – 5<sup>th</sup> June – A weekend of celebrations with the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Pentecost and Thy Kingdom Come, which begins on Ascension day.

### **Visitation for the swearing in of Church Wardens**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June at St Mary's Ellesmere at 7pm

### **Bible Readings for Sundays in April**

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Philippians 3:4b-14 & John 12:1-8 ('b' means the second half of that verse)

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April – Luke 19:28-40 & Luke 22:14-end of 23 or Luke 23:1-49

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April – Acts 10:34-43 & Luke 24:1-12

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April – Acts 5:27-32 & John 20:19-31

## Services in May

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May

- 8am BCP Communion – Baschurch
- 9.30am Worship for All – Weston Lullingfields
- 11am Holy Communion – Baschurch
- 6.30pm Contemporary Worship – Baschurch

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May

- 9.15am Worship for All – Hordley
- 11am Holy Communion – Baschurch

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May

- 8am BCP Communion – Baschurch
- 9.30am Holy Communion – Weston Lullingfields
- 11am Worship for All – Baschurch

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

- 9.15am Hordley – Holy Communion
- 11am Baschurch - Holy Communion
- 4pm Baschurch – Forest Church

*See page 18 for services in April*



COME AND ENJOY group painting starting in May.

Beginners and experienced are welcome.

Painting and drawing inside church or outside weather permitting.

Ring me, Ruth, for details on 01939 260257 or leave a message and I will return your call.



## Churches Count on Nature 2022

In 2021 we started Churches Count on Nature, working in partnership with the Church of England, the Church in Wales and A Rocha, who run Ecochurch. The idea behind Churches Count on Nature is to encourage as many people as possible to visit, explore and enjoy their local churchyard, spotting wildlife and recording what they see. These records are then sent to Caring for God's Acre via an online system such as iNaturalist or iRecord, by emailing us the list or by popping it in the post. These records then go to build up a picture of just how important churchyards are for biodiversity, information which we can then share more widely.

We decided to launch Churches Count on Nature during Love Your Burial Ground week, a celebratory week which has been running for many years now involving burial grounds of all types and denominations. Many of you have taken part over the years and even more then joined in with Churches Count on Nature last year.

**The good news is that we are running it all again, so please join in!**

To give you a taster from 2021:

540 churches took part, running a range of wildlife spotting activities in their churchyards involving schools, congregations, families, drop-ins and much more. With over 4,300 people taking part, we sent out 320 free packs containing copies of our Starter Guide to help people make their first wildlife record.

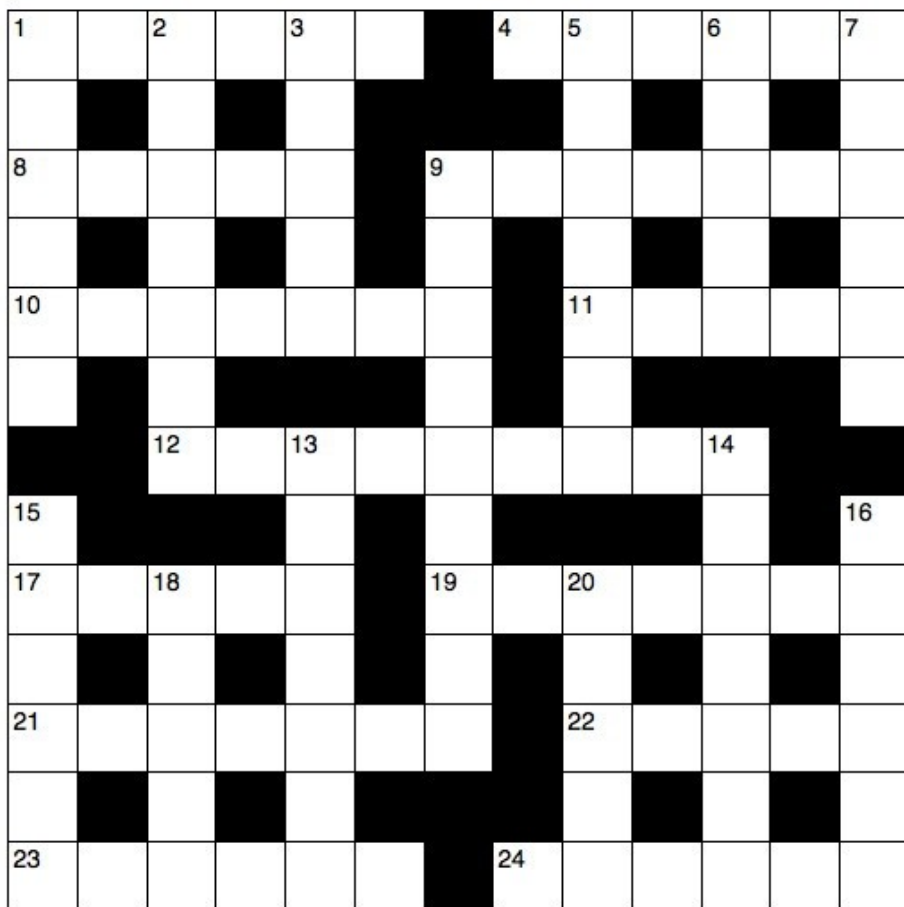
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All the best, Harriet Carty.

Diocesan Churchyard Environmental Advisor



**Across**

- 1 Arouse (Song of Songs 2:7) (6)
- 4 Extinguish (Isaiah 1:31) (6)
- 8 “They — — ,” you will say, “but I’m not hurt!” (Proverbs 23:35) (3,2)
- 9 Unhappiness (Nehemiah 2:2) (7)
- 10 Jewish (7)
- 11 Dirge (anag.) (5)
- 12 ‘A truthful witness gives honest — , but a false witness tells lies’ (Proverbs 12:17) (9)

17 Paul quoted from the second one in his address in the synagogue at Pisidian Antioch (Acts 13:33) (5)

19 'Do not use your freedom to — the sinful nature' (Galatians 5:13) (7)

21 'As you can see, he has done nothing to — death' (Luke 23:15) (7)

22 Name applied by Isaiah to Jerusalem (Isaiah 29:1) (5)

23 'All the people — — one man, saying, "None of us will go home"' (Judges 20:8) (4,2)

24 Lazarus, who was carried by angels to Abraham's side when he died, was one (Luke 16:20) (6)

### **Down**

1 Appalled (Job 26:11) (6)

2 'In an — to escape from the ship, the sailors let the lifeboat down into the sea' (Acts 27:30) (7)

3 Expel (Acts 18:16) (5)

5 'But I have a baptism to — , and how distressed I am until it is completed!' (Luke 12:50) (7)

6 'Of the increase of his government and peace there will be — — ' (Isaiah 9:7) (2,3)

7 Hurry (Psalm 119:60) (6)

9 'For I desire mercy, not — , and acknowledgement of God rather than burnt offerings' (Hosea 6:6) (9)

13 One of its towns was Sychar, where Jesus met a woman at Jacob's well (John 4:5) (7)

14 Shouting (Acts 7:57) (7)

15 Arachnid (Isaiah 59:5) (6)

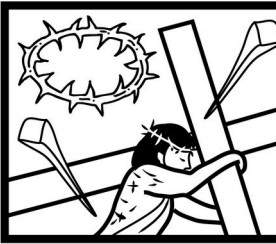
16 One of Paul's first converts in Philippi was Lydia, a — in purple cloth (Acts 16:14) (6)

18 Donkeys (5)

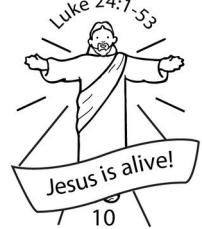
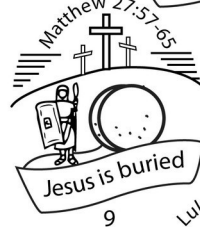
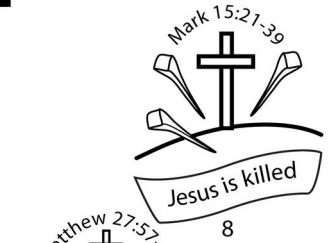
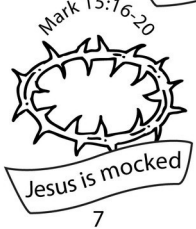
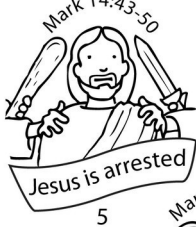
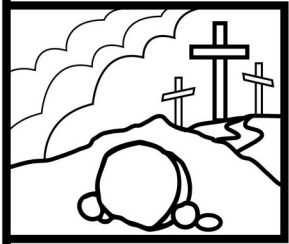
20 Raked (anag.) (5)

*Answers on page 25.*

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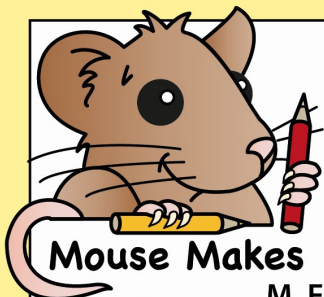
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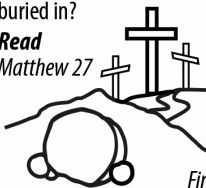
Who betrayed Jesus?  
Who denied Jesus?

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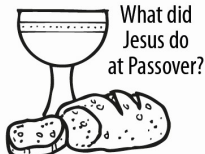


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