



We welcome you to this month's publication, which we hope will be something to lift your spirits and be thought provoking too! There are printed copies available in Lady St Mary Church and these can be picked up at the 10am service and taken to people who do not have the internet and so if you can please share it by posting a copy to a neighbour, thank you.

March Newsletter

News from the Ministry Team ...

Dear Friends,

Having started Lent on St Valentine's day, this month we see it through to its conclusion by celebrating Easter day on the 31st March. This means we celebrate Mothering Sunday on 10th March , Passion Sunday on 17th and Palm Sunday on 24th March; all important dates in the Church calendar.

Palm Sunday is the start of Holy week during which we have the opportunity to explore exactly what it means to be a baptized member of the Church, for in baptism we are *'made one with Christ in his death and in his resurrection.'*

On **Palm Sunday** there will be the usual services for the fourth Sunday of the month and palm crosses will be given out in each of these. If for any reason you are unable to attend one of these services but would like to receive a cross, please contact Debs or one of the ministry team or alternatively you may like to collect one from the back of church during Holy week.

From Monday to Thursday, at 9am in Lady St Mary church, there will be a Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion service, including an extended reading from the passion accounts of Mark and Luke. This is a wonderful time for reflection.

On **Maundy Thursday** evening there will be a 7.00pm Holy Communion Service in Lady St Mary Church, celebrating our Lord sharing his last meal with his disciples and instituting the Holy Communion service. At the end of this service the church will be stripped of all ornamentation ready for the bleak days of crucifixion and incarceration in the tomb. The service is followed by a quiet time of vigil, prayer, and reflection.

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Good Friday events start at 11.00am with a walk of witness through Wareham town. This starts at the church of St Martin on the Wall, the cross will then be carried up North Street and down South Street, stopping at various points to reflect upon Christ's journey to the cross. This serves as a reminder to the local community that this is one of the most sacred days in the church's calendar and can be enjoyed by young and old. Please do join in if you are free, this is a Wareham Church Family event and so there will be members of all the different congregations taking part, we hope to conclude this with hot cross buns, tea, and coffee in the parish hall.

At 2pm in Lady St Mary church we will celebrate the final hour. This is an hour-long devotional service that will explore the crucifixion of Jesus as depicted in various works of art. There will be Bible readings, prayers, and hymns, but also plenty of time for silence to contemplate all that Christ endured for us.

On Easter Eve at 4pm Hilary Bond will holding a Lament for Creation at Holme Priory, East Holme, a reminder that Christ died not just to redeem humankind, but the whole of the created order.

And so, having travelled with our Lord from the jubilant entry into Jerusalem to the tomb we come to the greatest of all Christian celebrations, Christ's victory over the grave. On **Easter Day** we rise with Christ to the promised new life. The day will start with a Dawn Holy Communion service, on the banks of the River Frome, opposite the Quay, at 6.30am (Please don't forget that the clocks go forward an hour at 2am on Easter Day).

This will be followed by the usual Easter services in our five parish churches.

8am and 10.00am Easter Holy Communion services at Lady St Mary church.

9am Easter Breakfast service at Sandford St Martin church, followed by a 10.30am `easter Holy Communion.

10.00am Easter Holy Communions at St John the Evangelist, East Holme and a 10.30am Easter Holy Communion at St Nicholas' church Arne.

St Martin on the Wall church will hold their Easter Communion on Wednesday of Easter Week, 3rd April at 11.00am

Also, there will be a YouTube Easter Celebration online

<https://tinyurl.com/warehamchurches>

This may seem a lot of services, but this is our most sacred time of year, a time when we should be prepared to make sacrifices in our own lives in order to acknowledge the enormous sacrifice Christ has made for us.

Yours ever in Christ,

Simon

Whats happening this Lent

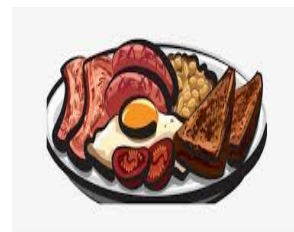
There are three creation focused invitations for lent. All these events will happen at Holme Priory, East Holme and will need to be booked in advance as numbers will be limited.

1. A quiet day. Friday 8th March 10 am to 3 pm. The day will include some creation focused input, time to be quiet (inside or outside,) activities with which to engage if you choose, and the sharing of bread and wine. Please bring weather appropriate outdoor clothing and a packed lunch. (Drinks will be provided)
2. A quiet evening. Wednesday 20th March 6 pm to 9 pm. This will include a reflective walk as day turns to night, and food around the fire pit. Please bring weather appropriate outdoor clothing.
3. A lament for creation. Saturday 30th March 4 pm. We will gather outside to connect with creation and the creator through the “stations of creation,” an act of worship based on the stations of the cross. Please wear weather appropriate outdoor clothing.

During Lent you may also wish to read one of **the Lent Books available from the Church Bookstall books for Lent:** Finding Mercy on the Way of Sorrows, 40 daily reflections from Lamentations by Robin Ham £2.99 Heaven How I got there, the story of the thief on the cross by Colin Smith £2.99.

Diary of Events

Men's Breakfast - The next Men's breakfast will be on **Saturday 2nd March at 8.45am** at Not Just Sundaes Café. The guest speaker this month will be Marion Cotton, Deputy Mayor of Wareham. Whether you are a regular at men's breakfasts, or have never been before, you are most welcome to come along.



Please contact the Parish Office no later than the Wednesday before to book your place, on 01929 550905 or email: parish.office@warehamchurches.org.uk



Going Deeper: Our next Going Deeper evening at Sandford St Martin's church, a time of worship, input from God's word, and time to pray together will be on Sunday 10th March. All are welcome.

Christian Aid Lent Lunch – Saturday end March 12 noon to 1.30pm at the United Reformed Church. A Lunch of (Soups, breads, and cheeses) Donations for Christian Aid.



Ladies That Lunch and Pray: The next meeting is to be confirmed. Please bring a sandwich, lovely cake and drinks will be provided. 12.00 - 14.00pm at the Rectory. For further information or RSVP please contact Linda Tel: 01929 289236 or l.everett1@icloud.com



Open House - at Sandford St Martin's Church - Thursday 21 March (in place of usual fourth Thursday 28 March (Maunday Thursday) - 2 pm - at Sandford St Martin's Church. Talk by Team Rector, followed by cup of tea, chat and a raffle. All Welcome.



THE LATEST RELEASE IN GATEWAY FILMS CHURCH HISTORY SERIES

GOD'S OUTLAW

The Story of William Tyndale

A TRUE STORY OF HEROISM, BETRAYAL, MARTYRDOM, VISION AND TRIUMPH!

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William Tyndale (1494-1536) had a consuming passion to get the Bible into the hands of the common people. But that was

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Even the opposition of King Henry VIII, Sir Thomas More, and Cardinal Wolsey couldn't stop him. His cause was more important to Tyndale than life itself.

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Friday 22 March

Parish Hall, The Quay, Wareham.

Film show: *God's Outlaw*

Starring Roger Rees as William Tyndale, Keith Barron as Henry VIII and Oona Kirsch as Anne Boleyn. Produced by Grenville Films with Channel 4.

A true story of international politics, church intrigue, cold-blooded betrayal – and one man's triumph over some of the greatest political and religious forces of the 16th century. All so that even the common ploughboy could read the Bible in his own language.

Doors open for refreshments at 6.30 – film starts at 7pm (ends at 8.30). Admission: £5 including tea or coffee. All proceeds to parish funds.

Tickets may be booked in advance from A F Joy Menswear, 35 North Street, Wareham (01929 552 903) or Wareham Parish Office (01929 550 905) – or may be purchased, if available, on the door.

Saturday 23 March

Parish Hall, The Quay, Wareham.

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Doors open for refreshments at 2.30 – film starts at 3pm (ends at 4.30). Admission: £5 including tea or coffee. All proceeds to parish funds.

Tickets may be booked in advance from A F Joy Menswear, 35 North Street, Wareham (01929 552 903) or Wareham Parish Office (01929 550 905) – or may be purchased, if available, on the door.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES 2024

Palm Sunday

24th March

8.00am Holy Communion BCP Lady St Mary Church

10.00am Holy Communion

9.00am Breakfast Church

Sandford St Martin's

10.30am Holy Communion

10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

St John the Evangelist

10.30am YouTube service

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of Holy Week

23rd – 28th March

9.00am Holy Communion
(Book of Common Prayer with Gospel of the Passion)

Lady St Mary Church

Wednesday of Holy Week

27th March

11.00am Holy Communion
(Book of Common Prayer)

St Martin on the Wall

Maundy Thursday

28th March

7.00pm Holy Communion
(Common Worship) including stripping of the sanctuary and followed by a time of vigil listening to Stainer's Crucifixion.

Lady St Mary Church

Good Friday

29th March

11.00am Walk of Witness

St Martin on the Wall

2.00pm The Final Hour

Lady St Mary Church

EASTER DAY

31st March

6.30am Dawn Holy Communion

Wareham Quay (south)

9.00am Breakfast Church

Sandford St Martin's

10.30am Easter Communion

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Lady St Mary Church

10.00am Easter Communion

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St John the Evangelist

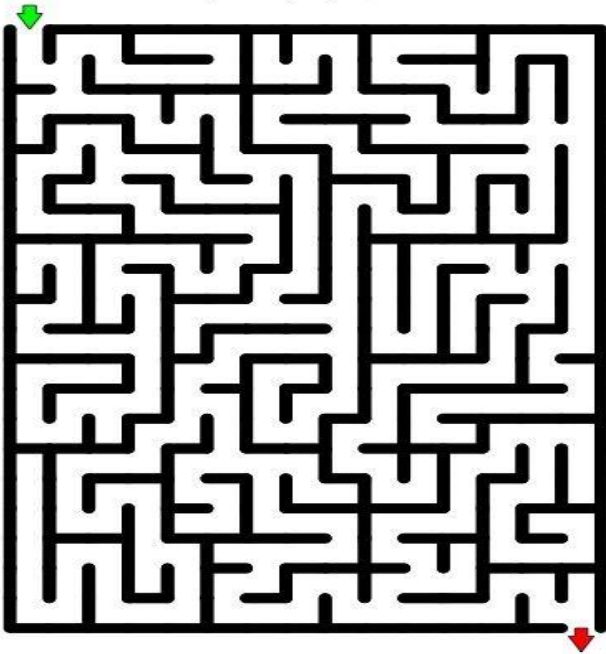
10.30am Easter Communion

St Nicholas, Arne



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Puzzles



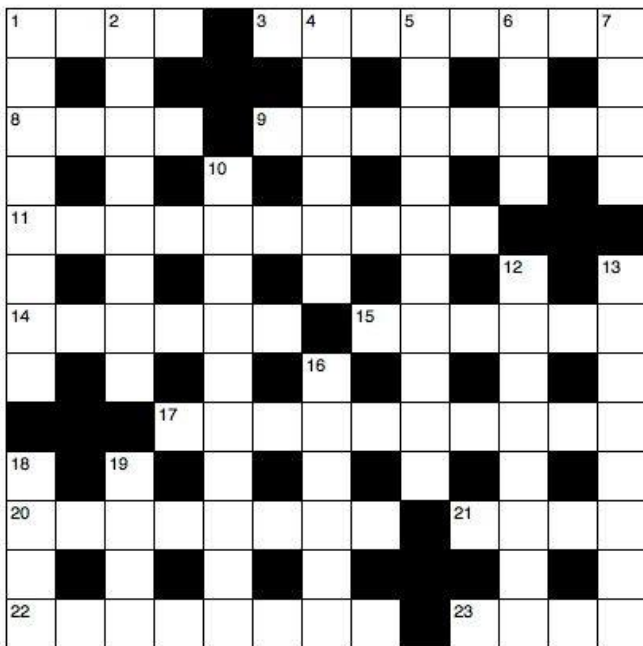
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Sudoku

Crossword



Clues Across

- 1 Made from the fruit of the vine, symbol of the blood of Christ (4)
- 3 'You are to set an ambush behind the city. Don't go very far from it. All of you be on — — ' (Joshua 8:4) (3,5)
- 8 Seep (4)
- 9 Celebrated by Jesus on the night of his betrayal (Luke 22:15) (8)
- 11 One of the supposed sites of Christ's burial place in Jerusalem (6,4)
- 14 'A city on a hill — be hidden' (Matthew 5:14) (6)
- 15 He inherited Elijah's mantle (2 Kings 2:12-13) (6)
- 17 Where Jesus prayed 'Not as I will, but as you will' (Matthew 26:36, 39) (10)

- 20 'Only in his home town and in his — — is a prophet without honour' (Matthew 13:57) (3,5)
- 21 Sail (anag.) (4)
- 22 How Jesus was punished before his crucifixion (Matthew 27:26) (8)
- 23 Eye sore (4)

Clues Down

- 1 Can't grow (anag.) (5,3)
- 2 A servant girl to Peter, 'You also were with that — , Jesus' (Mark 14:67) (8)
- 4 Well-being (Proverbs 3:8) (6)
- 5 Pentecostal denomination, — of God (10)
- 6 One of the 'obvious' acts of the sinful nature (Galatians 5:19, 21) (4)
- 7 'I preached that they should repent and — to God' (Acts 26:20) (4)
- 10 ' — — , the world will not see me any more, but you will see me' (John 14:19) (6,4)
- 12 He betrayed Jesus: Judas — (Luke 6:16) (8)
- 13 Jesus to Peter: ' — — of my sheep' (John 21:16) (4,4)
- 16 The centurion said, 'Surely this man was — — of God' (Mark 15:39) (3,3)
- 18 Baked bread (Mark 8:14) (4)
- 19 'Blessing and honour, glory and power, be — Him' (Handel's Messiah) (4)

Contact information!

Parish Office

The Parish Office has now reopened to answer all face-to-face enquiries, telephone and email enquiries **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday** 9am to 1pm. At all other times enquiries and queries can be made by email and they will be dealt with as soon as possible.

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