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THE EASTER STORY THROUGH THE EYES OF A TEENAGER

Beneath the cross of Calvary, the snake from the Garden of Eden is contemplating an Easter egg



The dazzling clothes of the angels at the empty tomb are shocking pink! And the stone is rolled away.

Simeon said to his mother Mary: A sword will pierce your own soul too. Luke 2:35

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THE DIARY

INSIDE INFORMATION

We hope you have enjoyed the brilliant 02-20 artworks on the front and back pages. Adults and children contributed, and it was impossible to choose a favourite; congratulations and thanks to India, Lexie, Mae, James, Matt, Nell, Sebastian, Juliette and the anonymous colourists.

One of the clergy team suggests that we should highlight someone/some people who make a special contribution to village life. We mention one this month. Do let the Editor know of anyone in your village who quietly contributes to community life.

We have a donation for a coloured cover for the May edition, which is so good, as we have photos and an article about Great Bustards which we will keep until then. Please contact the Editor, or our Treasurer Jon Royds (01985 840491), if you feel able to offer sponsorship for a coloured front page.

Advertising: we depend on our advertisers to finance the publication of Parish News. Please advertise your business with us.

We deliver this magazine door to door in all our ten villages, and the editorial team would love to have a greater overview of what is going on. Please let us know of any social dates you have, so they can be included in the diary.

The final date for copy for the May edition is 10th April; please send your contributions to katherine.venning@gmail.com, or phone 840283.



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CHERRY Blasdale-Holmes

PILGRIMAGE TO GLASTONBURY- WEDNESDAY 15TH APRIL

Take part in Harold's Guided Walk, be part of the Bring and Share lunch or just come for the culmination, which is the 3pm Service in the Abbey Crypt.

Cost is £10. Information and registration forms from Tim Spinney 01985 214700 tgspinney@hotmail.co.uk.

HOSPITAL OF ST JOHN, HEYTESBURY

Team prayers 1st April at 10.30am.

Coffee morning 15th April at 11am.

We are collecting for Wiltshire Air Ambulance and Horatio's Garden.

THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S, CODFORD

The AGM will be held on Monday 11th May at 6pm at The Poplars, High Street, by kind permission of Colonel Mike Elcomb.

The Friends of St Mary's is a registered charity set up to raise money to keep the building of our church in good repair.

We meet once a year and anyone who is interested will be most welcome to come. The meeting is usually short with a drink and nibbles.

ST PETER'S CHURCH, CODFORD

You are warmly invited to attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Sunday 26th April 2020 at about 10.30am (immediately after the 9.30am service)

in St Peter's Church, Codford.

This is an opportunity for everyone living in the parish to find out more about plans for our church and its mission and, in particular, to learn about the PCC's proposed improvements to the church building through the installation of mains water, a kitchen and disabled WC.

ALL ARE WELCOME

FOUND ON THE CHURCHYARD WALL
WHERE DID IT COME FROM? WHEN DID IT GO?



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFASTS

The final breakfast of our season was to have taken place on 6th April with Air Chief Marshal Sir Richard Johns as our speaker. Sadly, and in light of current circumstances, this meeting has been cancelled and will be rescheduled later in the year. Keep safe and well and watch this space for details of the next season's programme. Richard Jackman and John Russell: uwvmfb@gmail.com.



With much regret, the

DUCK RACE

on Easter Saturday 11th April
is **CANCELLED.**

Further information from

Torli Downes 84073



ANZAC DAY SATURDAY 25TH APRIL

A service of commemoration will be held in the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Cemetery, Codford St Mary starting at 06.30. This will be followed by a 'Gunfire' Breakfast in Codford Village Hall. Breakfast costs £6.00, tickets available from the Post Office at Smith's Budgeons.

BUDDY HOLLY TRIBUTE EVENING!



HEYTESBURY CHURCH

Friday 8th May 7.00 for 7.30pm

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MINISTRY LETTER

HELLO, I'M BACK!!!!

The last eighteen months have been very interesting. I have, by turns, been angry and frustrated. But then, very grateful that things weren't as serious as they might have been. It's been hard work but I'm getting there. Being able to take Services again is a joy. Lessons have been learnt along the way, among them patience. Not only within myself, but I saw patience in the Nurses in the hospitals, dealing with situations and people who were not easy to deal with. I was surrounded by the Love of friends who visited and gave their support and friendship when I came home.

And then there is my lovely husband who showed endless patience with me when I became frustrated and angry (again!) when things I had done before were no longer easy. Or indeed possible. I felt spiritually challenged as I had never been before, but I found depths of faith I didn't know I had. I found Christ in my life. Again!

As we live this Lent season, we should all dig deep inside ourselves and examine what and who we are, and then walk with Christ to his Crucifixion and Resurrection, with Joy, Patience and Hope in our hearts.

Blessings, Diana

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

I will say of the Lord, 'He is my refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust'... You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday. A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.... If you make the Most High your dwelling - even the Lord, who is my refuge - then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent.

from Psalm 91.chosen by RH

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DYNAMO LIGHT

Perhaps it was growing up in the power-cuts of the early seventies, but I tend to collect lamps and torches of all kinds - and am always ready to be persuaded of the need to buy another. The least satisfactory I've ever owned, however, was the dynamo light fitted to my bicycle as a boy. The basic problem was that this depended on you to keep pedalling - so along a flat road the light would shine nicely, but it grew dimmer climbing a hill and became a sad glow by the time you reached the top. Its crucial flaw, however, became evident as soon as you had to stop at a junction. Then, at the very point when you most needed to be seen by other road users, the light would desert you.

For those serving the local church, it can be all too easy to think that, if we just pedal a bit harder, the light will shine a bit brighter. The trouble is that, when the road gets rough and steep, or a crossroads is reached, our energies and hope can fade, like the beam of the dynamo.

John's Gospel reassures us that the light of life is generated by God's work, not ours - and powered by his glory. Glory is our one inexhaustible energy supply: an eternal current that anyone must connect to if they really want to live. It shines from the relationship between Jesus and his heavenly father, empowered by the Holy Spirit. This divine dynamo, we learn, charges most powerfully at the points where human resources give out - when the wine runs dry at the wedding, or the well is deep and you don't have a bucket. And where this glory shines most brightly, we find, is the cross of Christ, that fatal junction where all else turns to darkness.

None of us is especially luminous

on our own: we are the light of the world only with Christ shining through us. May he renew our strength and our hope as we turn to him.
Bishop Andrew

OPEN THE BOOK

Professional storyteller Bob Hartman applied his skills, normally directed at children, to about 50 old men at the Men's Breakfast, recreating the excitement of Open the Book, which the children in our schools enjoy so much. He invited participants to engage in the story of Zacchaeus and his meeting with Jesus. Presenting imaginary chickens at the mention of the word 'tax collector', whispering to your neighbour "He works for the Romans" for 'liar', and putting a hand up and shouting "Mum!" in response to 'cheat', those present quickly appreciated why Open the Book is such a success. Bob's passion for ensuring that the next generation hears the Bible stories has enabled him to write over 70 books and, more recently, to develop a Bible App for Kids that has been downloaded over 30 million times. A truly inspirational speaker.



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Thank you. Dom

HELPING YOU TO HELP YOURSELF NEW MONTHLY CLINIC

in Cherry Orchard Surgery
starting Friday 17th April from 2-5pm.
Health trainers offer a free 1-2-1 client-led service.

Working with a health trainer over six one-hour sessions, you will set behaviour-change goals in relation to making healthier lifestyle choices, which may include:

- Losing weight
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- Becoming more active
- Reducing or stopping smoking
- Reducing or stopping alcohol consumption
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If you would like to access this support please contact the surgery reception team to request an appointment, or e-mail: health.trainers@wiltshire.gov.uk, stating that you would like an appointment at Cherry Orchard Surgery, Codford.

Why not take advantage of this free support to improve your general well-being this spring?

TAKING STEPS TOWARDS LIVING WELL

Saturday 4 April, 10:00-12:30pm at the Warminster Civic Centre.

No charge for entry. Free 'healthy' raffle. Complimentary refreshments
Ben Hunt-Davis MBE, Olympic Gold medalist, performance coach and co-author of the book *Will It Make The Boat Go Faster*, has kindly agreed to open the event and to demonstrate his incredible rowing skills!

The fair provides a mix of free activities, health checks and information from a wide range of service providers, charities and individuals in our area. From archery to ukuleles and cooking to yoga - there is something for everyone. Come along and see what's on offer. And maybe take another step towards living well!

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A KALEIDOSCOPE OF SOUND

A sunny morning after early frost with my hound for company. The river is moving fast after so much rain, and cascades noisily into the mill pond. 'Pit pat paddle pat': four plump geese in buff-coloured plumage, with eye-catching white-headed ducks for company, and black hens with fluffy bottoms for contrast. The colours come alive when the sun is shining. The rush of water as it squeezes under the road-bridge absorbs the sound of an approaching electric scooter, and I am startled.

The tractor track is splendidly muddy. Squelch, squelch. The dog is trying to keep her feet clean, from the

look of her. Splish-splash through unavoidable puddles. I've often thought that the soundscape along this route, with its different qualities of mud, would be perfect entertainment for the visually impaired, though one needs one's wits about one not to slip into the deep ruts. With the sun and the sound, it's an expedition of subtle pleasures. A couple of trains bustle past, tooting as they approach the level crossing.

Back home via the footpath with kissing-gates of galvanised metal. 'Click' as you open the catch, 'clack' as it snaps shut, with a gentle squeak of hinges. The next gate is in dire need of oil. It vocalises

magnificently, squeaking upwards as it opens and growling down the scale as it closes. Four contrasting sounds, just for one gate.

It's still two weeks until Valentine's Day, but the birds are wide awake and happy. I'm surrounded by a halo of birdsong with whistles, twitters and trills, and tits chattering like squeaky toys. A heron in the distance sounds a bit like a mellifluous pig. The rooks chunter in idle conversation as I cross the field, and then I hear 'tock-tock': a great spotted woodpecker is pecking at damp wood, silhouetted against the blue sky, first atop and then beneath the branch. Nothing left to eat there, so he flies off, with his brilliant plumage shining in the sunshine. The south-west wind is blowing at 12 mph, brushing past my ears, and swishing through the tree tops.

A squirrel skitters up and down the branches, tempting the hound, its tail twitching. I splash through the ford, trying to get rid of some of the mud, but the dog prefers the foot bridge. She has enjoyed tracking the smells, and now it's time for home to dream of her adventures.

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TURBO'S DOG BLOG heading towards Easter



AR

I have received a message from the Editor about 'social distancing' during the current coronavirus crisis, and as a responsible canine have decided to 'self-isolate' with a view to survival of my blog beyond Easter.

Before I go into literary purdah, however, I must tell you about the Guvnor's Valentine card from his wife. It declared, in bold letters on the front, and all surrounded by coloured hearts -

I LOVE YOU
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I'm happy with that and have insisted that the card be left up on the windowsill next to my bed in the kitchen forever; xxx

Back in May; Dog willing.

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DOWN ON THE FARM

Robert suggested that mentioning the rain would not be a positive way forward, but for the record: IT IS VERY WET!!

March should be a productive month of fertilizer, muck spreading, ploughing, weed spraying, planting and the list goes on. However, this has all been hindered by that taboo subject we are not mentioning. Some of the above has been achieved but by no means in the correct timings, which will have a negative knock-on throughout the year.

I hear you cry: "farmers are never happy". We are occasionally, but we have good grounds to be a tad anxious when the weather throws such challenges at us. We are relatively fortunate, but those in harder hit areas of the country really do need sympathy and understanding of the difficulties ahead. Plenty of farmers haven't planted autumn crops, and there is always the hope of spring planting, but for many that has not been possible.

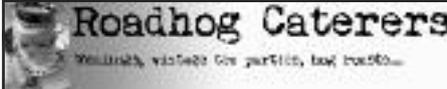
Winter wheat seed needs a period of cold weather, otherwise it will not reproduce, the technical term being Vernalisation. Mid-February was the latest that winter wheat could be safely planted. Many of us had to move to planting spring barley, which has one very positive aspect: there will be plenty of barley available for malting, so the price of beer could go down!!

Time to talk muck. All the muck from our dairy goes through a separator, which squeezes the solids from the liquid portion. The solid is then heaped up in the fields to be spread at appropriate

times and the liquid is stored in two lagoons. We then use an umbilical pipe which helps to reduce the use of heavy machinery over the fields to protect the soil and the crop. The tractor has a spreading apparatus for the slurry which is pumped from the lagoon through a very long pipe and spread across the field. To make the process as accurate as possible, a flow meter in the tractor measures how much liquid goes on the field. We then know how much nitrogen has been applied which enables us to apply a top-up with nitrogen fertilizer for the best production.

All in all, not everything is lost. Our meadows are under water, but we hope as April approaches they will have dried out enough for our young stock to be the first of the cattle to be let out to enjoy the lush green grass and the crops to grow 'down on the farm'.

Kit Pottow



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ANGLING NOTES

I fished on the lakes at Freefolk the day before storm Dennis struck, and I think that the rainbows had got the message that there was some rough weather on the way because they were completely unco-operative. I had not an offer of any kind. The shrimp pattern which was successful on my previous visit did not work this time, nor did a number of my other 'go to' patterns. My companion had one good fish on a chironomid (midge) imitation but that was all. The weather has not encouraged fishing but I hope to try again this month if conditions improve.

We in the chalk valleys are fortunate as the rivers are not liable to spate like the Severn or any of the Yorkshire Dales rivers, so I was surprised when on 27th February there was a flood warning out for the Wylde valley between Warminster and Salisbury. I travelled down the valley by train that day and whilst there was plenty of standing water in the fields, the river appeared to be within its banks but only just! I suspect that Wilton would be the problem area where there is little or no opportunity for the water to escape onto the floodplain and the river is constricted by buildings.

When river levels do eventually drop it will be interesting to see what damage has been done to the banks and in particular to some of our more recent river works. One thing is certain, the river will be clean, algae gone from the river bed and gravels pristine. Hopefully also some of the sedge which has accumulated in recent low flow years will have gone.

Another certainty is that we will not have a good recruitment year for grayling. High flows in April are not good for grayling because either eggs are washed out of the gravel or juveniles do not survive. Trout on the other hand ought to have done well. The Chitterne brook is very high and ought to run until July giving good spawning areas and good habitat for juveniles in the early stages of their lives. Other carriers and winterbournes, because they are running strongly, will also have provided spawning sites for the trout. Everyone, in particular, the farmers, would now benefit from some dry weather.

Robin Mulholland

HEYTESBURY FOOTBALL CLUB

Two defeats at the beginning of January was not the best of starts after the Christmas break, but things turned around after two very good cup quarter final wins, both against top teams. There followed a good league win away to Hilperton and then a bit of an upset with a defeat at Semington Magpies. A 5-0 win against Warminster Town reserves saw a crowd of 75 at the Park. Another big win, 5-1 at Melksham Town A, meant Heytesbury moved up to third place in Division 1.

March is an important month with two tough semi finals and important league games to play. We continue to get good support from the Village and beyond for our home games. Everyone is welcome and there is a good selection of hot and cold food and drinks available free to all.

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HEYTESBURY

We have a particularly fine church clock in Heytesbury, which chimes the quarters and strikes the hours with great accuracy, but it doesn't restart itself after an electrical break. We'd like to say thank you to Sarah Bartlett who cares for it, adjusts the hour from GMT to BST and back again each year, sees to it when it stops, and climbs up and down the tricky tower steps to do so - all without complaining! We take such people for granted and often don't even know who they are. So thank you! *RH*

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- June 5th : Sonoro - Music for two oboes
June 6th : The Langonet String Quartet
June 7th : Stars sing Gilbert and Sullivan
June 12th : Rock meets Op -
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PRESS RELEASE 2020

If you are not familiar with The Vintage Nostalgia Festival then now is the time to change that!! Set in the beautiful countryside of Stockton Park, Wiltshire, VNF is a fun filled Nostalgic weekend of Live Music, dance, vintage & antique shopping, classic cars, automobilia, childrens entertainment, and so much more! You simply must not miss it! You can visit for the day on the 29th 30th & 31st May 2020 or stay for the whole weekend camping from the 28th May. (camping is subject to availability)

1000's of vintage enthusiasts and

classic car owners will be in attendance and there will be 100's of cars on display over the weekend from the 1920's to the 1980's. To get a flavour of the festival go to www.vintagenostalgiafestival.co.uk or visit our face book, Instagram or twitter pages.

If you enjoy spending time with family or friends the VN Festival is the perfect way to unwind.... Visitors are encouraged to wear period attire! To help with the transformation Pearls Pin Up parlour will be on hand to create any style or look! For a glamorous time glamping is available in our boutique camping area. There is so much to do enter our "Best Dressed Competition" Learn to Jive, swing dance to Annie & The midnight Shift , sample the finest real Ale from Ringwood Brewery, enjoy the vintage theatrics from our re-enactors, meander through the Vintage Village trade stand area, get busy in the children's activity & entertainment section. If that's all to energetic you could just sit back, relax with a Pimms in our Vintage 1963 Leyland Titan Double Decker Bus Bar!

The VNF team have organised a fabulous line up of live music and dance acts over the weekend offering Jazz, blues, pop, Swing, & Rock & Roll from as far back as the 1920's right up to the 1980's.

Bring your dance shoes! Come and enjoy those balmy summer evenings with us! We have received rave reviews in the Vintage Life publication, Classic car buyer Magazine, Classic car magazine, Custom Car magazine, Classic car Weekly, Wiltshire View, Valley News, Salisbury Life Magazine and various other national and local publications.

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VILLAGE NEWS

SHERRINGTON

I read that Hillary Mantel put together the last paragraphs of her wonderful trilogy of Thomas Cromwell while at the checkout in Sainsburys. My more modest thoughts were assembled while cleaning my teeth! There's nothing to say about the weather except that when we do get a window in the rain and gloom, how wonderful it is. And how we rejoice in some sunshine.

Snowdrops have faded but the stoic daffodils dance, we have catkins, enamel celandines gleam in hedgerows, and the churchyard has cheerful patches of primrose that seem to spread their smiles further every year. We are so fortunate that our stretch of the river treats us kindly. In times past we had a power cut if anyone breathed heavily by a power line. This year, however, storms Ciara and Dennis did their worst but our electricity has remained constant.

Migration time approaches and I hope with all my heart we have no storms during that period. Amazing birds, some weighing only a few grams, are battling in and if an offshore wind gets up they are too exhausted and down they go into the sea. Now they have flailing arms of wind turbines to contend with, too.

Saddening to see the ash trees felled. One hopes that plans are in hand to fill at least some of the gaps with another species. This is to happen on the Plain.

Fortunate indeed the person who witnessed the maiden flight of some cygnets. Here, the young swans skim the water and are almost airborne: how amazing that must feel.

Not good for morale to read constantly that one is in the top echelon for coronavirus! No panic buying, it is an opportunity to dust off old tins at the back of the cupboard, and what about those unlabelled items at the bottom of the

freezer? Quite exciting to unravel their mysteries. Green vegetables running short? I believe that ground elder is quite palatable, so with that and nettles we have no problem!

A postscript to the Dog Saga of last month. Before the arrival of the mile-a-minute señor from Spain, Chester was becoming a bit pipe-and-slippers. Now, however he has put slippers aside and shaken out tracksuit and trainers. Viva la España! But now it's nearly Spring; Edward Thomas puts it beautifully:

Over the land freckled with snow half-thawed

The speculating rooks at their nests cawed
And saw from elm-tops, delicate as flower of grass,

What we below could not see, Winter pass. *BL*

NEIGHBOURHOOD ALERT

A recent Neighbourhood Alert from Detective Inspector Steve Kirby has sought to raise awareness of national initiatives to counter Serious and Organised Crime.

His message reminds us that it is a common misconception that organised crime only happens in big cities. Serious and Organised Crime knows no borders and it is happening in local communities, across local borders, national and international. Often this type of crime is dynamic and opportunistic, and conducted by groups or networks that work together to establish criminal networks encompassing a huge amount of criminal activity. On occasion, they have even been known to enlist the help of professionals such as lawyers and accountants for their expert knowledge.

Organised crime is extremely broad and often it is hidden and unreported, but some of the most visible crime types include drug trafficking or county lines, human trafficking, prostitution and child

sexual abuse, armed robbery, money laundering and cybercrime, to name just a few.

'Project Optimise' has been launched to disrupt serious and organised criminals and networks and protect vulnerable people. A number of arrests have already been made in Swindon, targeting county lines drug dealing. DI Steve Kirby makes it clear that it is more important than ever that we continue to report information to the police about any activity in our neighbourhood that may seem suspicious. It might well be nothing, but there is always a possibility that it could be part of a wider criminal network, and your piece of intelligence could be the missing piece in the jigsaw.

We all have a part to play in stopping serious and organised crime; it involves everyone in Wiltshire. It involves you. There are a number of ways you can report information:

- Call 999 in an emergency
- Call 101 to report all other information
- Visit the police website:
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- Call Crimestoppers anonymously on
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VILLAGE CLEAN-UP Join us for the Village Spring Clean

Sunday 29th March, 11am-1pm

**Equipment will be provided : all welcome
Meet outside the Red Lion, Heytesbury**

Can you volunteer for a couple of hours?

Please let us know and contact:

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Sutton Veny Lent Treasure/Scavenger Hunt for Adults & Children Saturday 4th April



Come along for
An inquisitive ramble around Sutton Veny collecting
clues and objects.

Meet at the church from 1030 for refreshments before an 1100 start

Optional wash-up gathering in The Woolpack from 1215(ish).

UPPER WYLYE VALLEY TEAM APCMs

What is an APCM?

The APCM is the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Actually, it comprises two meetings: at the 'Vestry Meeting' anyone who lives in the village can attend and elect the Church Wardens for the coming year. The second meeting is the APCM itself which is the business meeting of the Church; a sort of AGM for our churches. It's a meeting we're legally required to have and must take place before the 30th April each year. Members of the Church electoral roll, and those present, vote on the appointment of PCC members, Deanery Synod representatives, and to accept the audited accounts of the Church. It is also an opportunity to catch up with the events of the last year and to explore the vision for the coming year together.

Most of all it's a CELEBRATION of all God has been doing in the life of the Church as we look forward to the coming year.

Please do come along to see and hear what your church has been up to over the last year and what we hope to undertake over the next twelve months, and to ask any questions you may have.

Sherrington, St Cosmas and St Damien
- Monday 30th March, 10.30am - in church
Upton Lovell, St Augustine - Sunday 5th April, 6.45pm - Upton Lovell Village Hall
Norton Bavant, All Saints - Tuesday 21st April, 7pm - Norton Bavant Village Hall
Heytesbury/Tytherington/Knook
- Wednesday 22nd April, 6.30pm in Heytesbury church

Boyton and Corton, the Blessed Mary
- Thursday 23rd April, 6.30pm - Fane Hall
Codford St Peter

- Sunday 26th April, 10.30am - in church
Codford St Mary - Monday 27th April, 6pm - in church

Sutton Veny, St John the Evangelist
- Thursday 30th April, 6pm - in church
Revd Trudy

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funeral

Our sympathy and love to those who mourn the passing of

Catherine Lock

on 6th March at Codford St Peter

May she rest in the peace and light of Christ

Please contact the Ministry Team to make arrangements for Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Confirmation preparation or Service of Prayer and Dedication after a Civil Marriage.

The clergy will officiate at any crematorium service.

TASTE AND SEE THAT THE LORD IS GOOD (Psalm 34:8)

It is no secret that the food we buy is contributing to climate change and the rapid decline of our beautiful world that God created. Importing large amounts of food is contributing to our country's carbon footprint and our government is aiming for the UK to be carbon neutral by 2045, but General Synod is setting an aim for the Church of England to be carbon neutral by 2030.

Churches in the UWVT are working hard to do our bit with small and achievable changes. We kick-started our Lenten journey with a pancake party at Upton Lovell village hall where we 'used our LOAF'. Our drinks and ingredients followed 'LOAF' - Local, Organic, Animal-friendly, Fairtrade.

Many families from across the valley came together to play games, make new friends, join in the pancake race, and eat tasty, environmentally friendly pancakes. This event has shown us how easy it can be to make small changes for a big impact. We've made a start and hope to build on this across our team in various different ways including working towards the A Rocha Eco awards.
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CHURCH SERVICES IN APRIL

5th	Tytherington	8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
PALM	Codford St Mary	9.30am	Palm Sunday Service with liturgy of palms
SUNDAY	Norton Bavant	9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	Sutton Veny Village Hall	10.00am	Café church, breakfast from 9.30am
	Heytesbury	11.00am	Parish Communion with liturgy of palms <i>Choir</i>
	Upton Lovell	11.00am	Parish Communion with liturgy of palms
	Tytherington	6.00pm	Compline with meditation

HOLY WEEK

Monday 6th	Knook	7.00pm	Compline with meditation
Tuesday 7th	Sutton Veny	7.00pm	Compline with meditation
Wed 8th	Sherrington	7.00pm	Compline with meditation

MAUNDY	Upton Lovell	7.00pm	A simple meal with Communion
THURSDAY			

GOOD	Wylde Coyotes Codford	1030 - 1200	Hot Cross Fun, Family activities
	Codford St Mary	12 noon	An Hour Before the Cross
	Norton Bavant	2.00pm	The Last Hour
	Upton Lovell	2.00pm	The Last Hour

12th	Codford St Peter	6.00am	Easter Dawn Service
	Tytherington	8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	Codford St Mary	9.30am	Easter Communion
	Sherrington	9.30am	Easter Communion
	Upton Lovell	9.30am	Easter Communion
	Boyton	11.00am	Easter Communion
	Heytesbury	11.00am	Easter Communion <i>Choir</i>
	Norton Bavant	11.00am	Easter Communion
	Sutton Veny	11.00am	Easter Communion
	Knook	6.00pm	Evensong (BCP)

19th	Heytesbury	8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	Codford St Peter	9.30am	Parish Communion
	Sutton Veny	11.00am	Matins (BCP)
	Upton Lovell	11.00am	Parish Communion
	Norton Bavant	6.00pm	Pimms & Easter Hymns <i>Choir</i>

Saturday 25th	Codford St Mary	06.30am	Anzac Service plus Breakfast
26th	Sutton Veny	8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	Codford St Peter	9.30am	Parish Communion
	Heytesbury	10.00am	Sunday Worship
	Sutton Veny	3.00pm	Anzac Service <i>Choir</i>
	Heytesbury	6.00pm	Evensong (BCP)

HOSPITAL OF ST JOHN, HEYTESBURY CHAPEL SERVICES

Sundays	10.30am
	Eucharist with hymns
Wednesdays	10.00am
	Holy Communion(1662)

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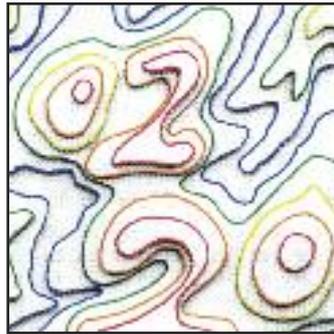
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Hope Ironman has now moved to a Dorset flock, leaving his daughters behind in Codford.

Jane Collins

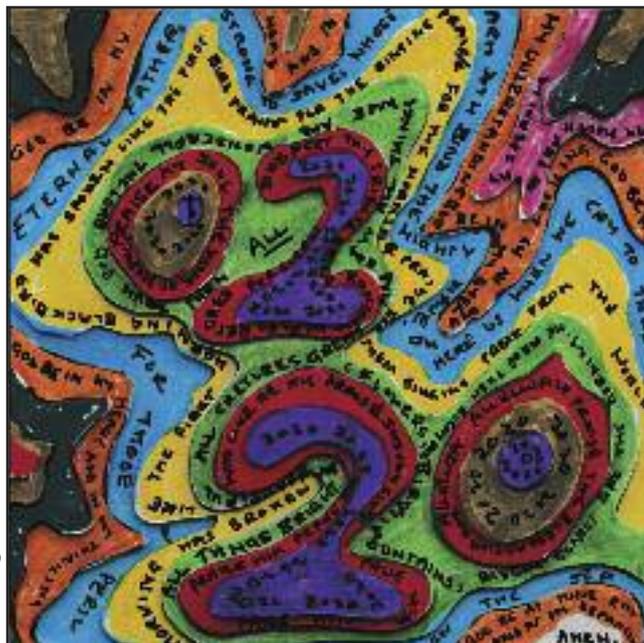
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Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm doth bind the mighty wave,
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.



All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.



Morning has broken like the first morning, blackbird has spoken
like the first bird, praise for them springing fresh from the world.



Praise my soul the King of heaven, to his feet thy tribute bring, praise him still the same for ever. Praise the everlasting King.
God be in my head, and in my understanding. God be in my eyes and in my looking. God be at mine end, and at my departing.