

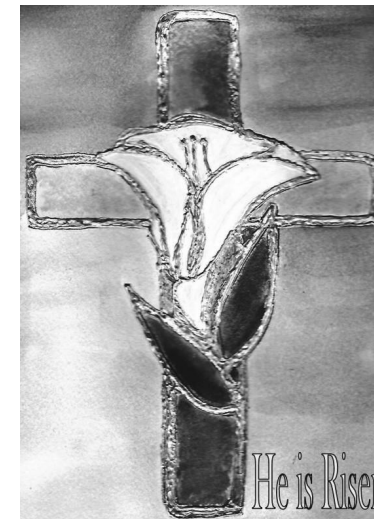
SERVICES MARCH/APRIL 2016

6 th Mar	Mothering Sunday 4 th Sunday of Lent	8am - Holy Communion (BCP)	10am - Parade with Holy Communion <i>Sunday Club</i>	6.30pm - <i>no service</i>
13 th Mar	5 th Sunday of Lent	8am - Holy Communion (BCP)	10am - Holy Communion	6.30pm - <i>no service</i>
20 th Mar	Palm Sunday	8am - Holy Communion (BCP)	10am - Holy Communion	6.30pm - <i>no service</i>
24 th Mar	Maundy Thursday	-	-	7pm - Holy Communion
25 th Mar	Good Friday		10am - Walk of Witness (IACT)	2pm - Act of Devotion
27 st Mar	Easter Sunday	8am - Holy Communion (BCP)	10am - Family Communion	6.30pm - Holy Communion
3 rd Apr	2 nd Sunday of Easter	8am - Holy Communion (BCP)	10am - Holy Communion <i>Sunday Club</i>	6.30pm - <i>no service</i>



Christ Church News

March 2016



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Who's Who?

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Contributions for April issue by 18th March please

CALENDAR March 2016

DATE	TIME	EVENT
1st	10.15 – 11.45	Coffee Morning
2nd	12.00	Lunch Club
8th	10.15 – 11.45	Coffee Morning
8th	7pm	Ladies Group meet
9th	12.00	Lunch Club
15th	10.15 – 11.45	Coffee Morning
15th	7.30pm	PCC Meeting
16th	12.00	Lunch Club
22nd	10.15 – 11.45	Coffee Morning
23rd	12.00	Lunch Club
27th	5.40pm	Service at Hazlewood Care Home, Skeavingtons Lane
29th	10.15 – 11.45	Coffee Morning

Lunch Club - Communion Service usually takes place monthly

Women's World Day of Prayer

A special service will be held on **Friday 4th March at 2pm** at West Hallam Methodist Church. All are

Mothering Sunday - 6th March

Easter Sunday - 27th March

Help needed to decorate the church with flowers on Saturday 26th March at 10am



Next **TRAIDCRAFT** stall:
Sunday 3rd April

People serving in church this month

Date	Welcomers	Reader	Prayers	Assisting at Communion *
6 th Mar	Uniformed Groups	Uniformed Groups	Uniformed Groups	Mary Bottomley
13 th Mar	Ann Hooker Sally Hrycyk	Val Norgain	Ann Hooker	Maurice Lynn
20 th Mar	Ele McGhee David Martin	David Jones	Val Norgain	Sally Hrycyk
27 th Mar	Sue Wood Dreena Simpson	FCPG (10am) Julie Hart (6.30pm)	Family Communion Planning Group (FCPG)	Julie Hart
3 rd Apr	Maurice Lynn Will Allen	Joan Bacon	Viv Sumner	David Martin

* With one other person, depending on clergy presence

Geoffrey Halliday writes ...



I used to keep hens in one of my vicarage years ago. I managed to protect them from marauding foxes, and benefit from a plentiful supply of eggs, and watch how caring they could be.

As I sat in church last Sunday morning listening to the gospel reading from St. Luke, my thoughts wandered as they sometimes do, and lead you off in an entirely different direction. I remembered keeping chickens. We listened to the account of the Lament of Jesus over Jerusalem. Jerusalem was a special city in his heart but it spurned his love, and we heard these telling words:

“How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!”

What a picture! It was the mention of a caring, motherly hen which reminds us that there is nothing that hurts quite as much as to have the unqualified offer of love rejected.

Here, and in another significant place, mention is made of chickens, not hens but a cock. When Peter heard the cock crow his heart was overturned. It is difficult to believe that one of the closest followers of Jesus should deny that he ever knew Jesus, should deny his offer of unfailing love. Of course we all are familiar with Peter’s denial in the account of Christ’s final days, *“Before the cock crows you will deny me three times”*.

Unthinkable!

And the cock did crow. The accusing conceited cock crew.
The cock, with its piercing call, is a reminder, a symbol of denial, of vigilance, of hope.

The cock is a symbol of vigilance. From its position on top of a steeple the weathercock not only gives us a clue to the weather; it is an old symbol of watchfulness and prayer.



Most importantly the cock is the sign of hope, of a new dawn, of a new beginning. The cock heralds the dawn. For Peter, he like ourselves, is given the priceless chance to start again. Jesus sees in us more by what we can become than by what we have been. Always. After the resurrection Peter is to be found defending his Master with total disregard for his own safety. He is "once more" recognised of having been with Jesus, only this time he is not crouching in some dark corner incognito. He is prepared to die rather than deny. He becomes the rock on which our Church is founded.

As we recount and celebrate Holy Week and Easter so let us ever be mindful of Christ's amazing love which never lets us down, which goes to the uttermost, and gives us the chance to begin all over again.

Every blessing,

Geoffrey

Uniformed Groups normally meet during term-time:

- Wednesday - 6pm Beavers
- 6.45pm Cubs
- 7.45pm Scouts
- Thursday - 6.15pm Rainbows & Brownies
- Friday - 7pm Guides



DAISY CHAIN

Play session for children 0 - 3 years and their parents/carers. Held during term time only.

Cost £1 for first child, 50p each for subsequent children. Refreshments included.

Tuesday session 1: 9.15am - 11.15am

Tuesday session 2: 1pm - 3pm

Friday 'Time Out' coffee break 9.45am - 11am

A chance for parents and carers to relax whilst the children play together. 50p per session.

Please contact Iris Roe (07715 958403) for more information.



Tuesday Coffee Morning

10.15am - 11.45am

Held in the small hall beyond the kitchen.

Coffee Morning is a time to relax and chat with a drink and home made cake - £1 only!

Please come and bring a friend.

Ladies' Group

Tuesday 8th March 2016 at 7pm with a talk from our favourite historian Stephen Flinders.

A reminder to members that as part of our ongoing support for the **Padley Centre** in Derby, items of toiletries and tinned food should be brought to the March meeting.

Advance notice! In April we will be celebrating the Queen's birthday with a small party - tiaras may be worn!

Pam Bailey

COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY March 12th 2016 10am

in aid of SOZEIN Registered Charity -
'a Churches' Ministry of Healing Trust'

Cards, company, refreshments, bookstall, cakes for sale

Old Vicarage, Church Lane Horsley Woodhouse DE7 6BB

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Peter Beardow

I am very sad to have to report the recent death of Peter Beardow. Peter was a very long standing, faithful and much loved member of the church. His funeral will be in Christ Church, but we have no further details as we go to press.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Jean.

Peter Davey

Baptisms - January was a busy month for baptisms.

Charlotte Elizabeth Ellerby was baptised in the main morning service and a week later there was an additional service for young **Harry Andrew Wyles** and his father **Andrew Wyles** - the first time I can remember baptising father and son together since I came to Cotmanhay.

We welcome them all into the church family.

Peter

Home Group:

The home group will next run for 2 sessions on:

- **Monday 14th March**
- **Monday 21st March**

7.15pm - 8.30pm at the home of Glenice Boulton.

Topic for study - Paul's letter to the Colossians.

Everyone welcome - if interested please contact Iris on:

07715 958403

In Memory of Alex Read

On 12th March, we - Eleanor and David - will be making rather a large change to our appearances - shaving our heads.



We're taking on this somewhat daunting challenge to raise money for the Bone Cancer Research Trust, and to show a small part of what Alex and other bone cancer patients have to go through.

In January 2013, Alex was diagnosed with a form of bone cancer. Despite intensive treatment Alex passed away on 13th March, aged 14.

The BCRT aims to improve outcomes for people with primary bone cancer through Research, Awareness, Information, and Support. Please donate what you can, and help the BCRT save lives; your support will be invaluable.



Alex fought bravely, always with a smile on his face, never once asking, "Why me?" If Alex can be brave, then so can we. We know he'll be there with us.

How to donate?

- see Eleanor or Shirley Read
- online via our just giving page:
www.justgiving.com/Head-shave-for-alex
- or text – 'EDHS99 to 70070 to donate £10 (or other amount)

Alex's window, planned for church, is awaiting final approval by the Diocesan Advisory Committee.

Church Cleaning

There is a small team of volunteers – most but by no means all from our congregation – who have taken turns to clean the church. From March the system is changing and David Hemm who cleans the church hall will also clean the church.

I want to express my thanks to all those who have faithfully undertaken the cleaning, week by week over many years, largely unheralded by others – you have done a great job; thank you. Peter.



During Fairtrade Fortnight how about - sit down for breakfast and stand up for the farmers behind our food, by choosing Fairtrade. Many of the people who provide items for our breakfast table don't earn enough to feed themselves or their families all year round.

You can change this, and it starts with simply switching your breakfast to Fairtrade. Here are three easy swaps you can make:

1. Pick up a Fairtrade banana for your breakfast – 100% of Sainsbury's, The Co-op and Waitrose bananas are Fairtrade.
2. Swap your regular cuppa to Fairtrade, like we serve in church on a Sunday morning.
3. Switch your morning pick-me-up for something fairer - you can find it right on your high street - grab a Fairtrade coffee at any Greggs, Starbucks or Wild Bean Café.

www.fairtrade.org.uk

Lynne Tomlinson

Key points from January's Meeting of PCC

Architects drawings will be produced for the proposed Church **Fire Door**. The PCC thanked Lu Vitale for all his work in organising the **renovation of the toilets** and for providing the suspended ceilings, with thanks too to Joan Bacon for additional work with hall bookings. The baby changing table will be kept in the Ladies Toilet with a notice in the hall entrance to that effect. The Toilet Twinning Certificates will be fixed to doors.

Alex Read's Window is awaiting final approval by the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC).

The **Audio-Visual Equipment for Church** is awaiting details of specification (wiring etc.) before submission to DAC.

A **caretaker's job description** was approved.

A **Health & Safety Policy** was approved while a review of Safeguarding will be started by Easter. A Health and Safety Inspection will be carried out in due course by Mike Bromby & Lu Vitale.

Treasurer's report from Lorraine Turnbull - at the end of 2015, the Deposit Account stood at £55,632.00 but out of this will come the cost of refurbishing the toilets (£24K + VAT). The Current Account stood at £7774.00. Giving in 2015 was around £22,000 BUT in 2014 it was around £25,000. The PCC thanked Lorraine for all her hard work.

It was felt that the **Christmas Church events** had been well organised and ran smoothly.

'**The Big Supper**' would not take place this year and will be replaced by school assemblies.

Initial discussion took place looking at the progress against issues and ideas put forward at the **Open PCC meeting in June**. Many of the issues raised had been, or were currently, being addressed. Family friendly services to be discussed next.

The next PCC meeting will be on Tuesday 15 March 2016

David Martin



Walesby Forest - 15 - 17 July 2016

What is it?

Transform Weekend was put together by a group of people from the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham who want to give people the opportunity to gather together to worship God, grow in what it means to follow Jesus and have a fun weekend together!

The event includes worship, teaching, ministry and seminars and is for all ages. There is a full separate programme for school age children and crèche facilities for under 5's and their carers.

How much?

Only weekend pass tickets are available, whether camping or coming as a day visitor, with rates as follows:

Booking - Early Bird Rates, until 31st May - Adult £30 (increasing to £35 from 1st June); £20 for Reception to Year 13 (£25 from June), free for under 5's. Family tickets £100 for families with more than 2 children/youth. (£120 from June). Places are limited so book early!

Online booking via website closes 13th July 2016:

<http://transform-weekend.org/>

A number from Christ Church went to the first very successful event held last year and had an excellent time. Even more people will be going this year - come and join us!



Prayer Thoughts

A Prayer for the Ephesians

“¹⁴ For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. ¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.”

As we walk through the season of Lent our focus ultimately draw us to the Cross and the sacrifice that Jesus made on our behalf. He paid the price in full to reconcile us back to God. A sacrifice beyond our comprehension.

From the Cross we are drawn to the glorious resurrection and the way back into the very presence of God and the blessings of Heaven.

As we think on these things may our focus be drawn also to the love that made it all possible, a love that covers every aspect of life. God so loved the world that He gave his best, His Son Jesus.

God’s love is complete; it gives us new life, a fresh start and so that we are never alone He also gives us the promise of the Holy Spirit to be with us, always.

The loving, giving heart of our Heavenly Father has not changed. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. His heart is still for His children. A Father who still looks for the prodigal to return home.

As we focus our prayers this season may we be mindful of the price that was paid, the love that was given and be ever ready to share this love with others.

The prayer the apostle Paul prays in Ephesians 3 v 14-21 helps to remind us of this great love.

Every blessing,

Iris

Christingle update

With all the money now in we can report that the final amount raised for the work of The Children’s Society was:

£342.70 - a record!

Lynne Tomlinson and Ele McGhee

The logo for The Children's Society, featuring the text "The Children's Society" in a serif font, with "The" on the top line, "Children's" in the middle, and "Society" on the bottom line. The logo is set against a background of black and white squares.