



April 2023 Newsletter for the Bartestree Cross Group of Churches

An update from Judith

By now I am sure everyone has heard that the March interview for our next Rector did not happen as there were no suitably qualified candidates. Disappointment all round BUT we have all been clear that we would prefer to wait for a priest who really will work alongside us and help our churches flourish, especially building on the work of Christine in Lugwardine and Withington.

Archdeacon Derek explained:

“Sadly we did not receive sufficient applications for the role of Vicar for Dean Sarah, as Patron, to feel confident in calling any of the candidates to interview. As a consequence we will re-advertise the post, with interviews due to now take place on 24th & 25th July. Whilst this news will be disappointing it is important that we continue to pray that God will call the right person to the role of priest to serve these churches”.

And so we must all continue to support each other, share resources and be outward looking. We are fortunate to have several retired clergy who continue to provide a sense of continuity and are ever ready to help out. The Holy Week walks are a great way for us to get to know one another, share news, ideas and make plans for the future.

We will soon be having our annual meetings and elect new PCC's. Can I remind everyone who is on a PCC that they need to do a safeguarding course. This is irrespective of any training you may have done at work- even if you have led such a course yourself! Details from Ruth Hewison or your Church Warden.

To end on a positive note- congratulations to Lugwardine who now have two acting Church Wardens. I am sure Nessie and Andy will do a great job.

Look forward to seeing some of you on the walks.

Choir News

A message from Sheila

Our choir will be taking a break on Wednesday 5th and 12th April over Easter but will be back to rehearsals 19th and at Westhide on 26th at 6pm. We will be singing at the 5th Sunday Service at Westhide on 30th April, still time for a few new voices to join us...do see the advert below.

News from Dormington

Vocalise Choir Concert

Many thanks to the Vocalise Choir, Melanie Denning, DCAT and all who helped make the event held on 11 March such a joyous and successful occasion. An amazing sum of £700 was raised for church funds.



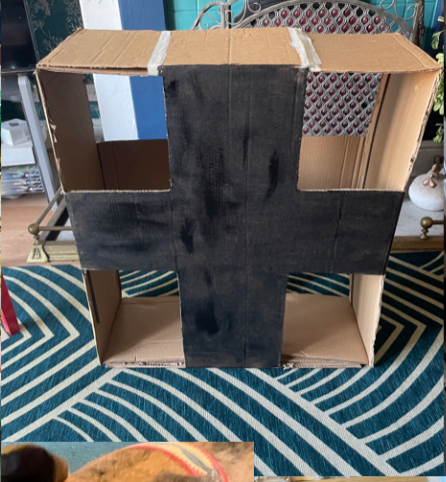
And Christine

Many, many thanks to people who have expressed their thanks and support and encouraged me following the disappointing recruitment process for our new Vicar. It is not easy to continue this role without a Vicar to relate to and who joins things up on the ground for such an extended period, but I shall continue to hold on and appreciate everyone's kind words and prayers. In God we trust to bring the right person at the right time.

Until then I thought I would share with you a couple of things, see photos below. One is the Easter prep that has meant that our home has been taken over a little by cardboard. My husband Mark has been such a help this year in particular, as I have created so many assemblies, Easter Services, events and an Easter Story workshop plus our usual Emerge and a joint Pancake & Pizza Club that happened after the snow cancelled Pizza Club. Really looking forward to our Holy Week Walks next week and to seeing lots of people joining us. If walking is not your thing, please do feel free to come along afterwards for cake and a cuppa, it is always lovely to have a reception committee and you get first dibs on cake! Lastly, we will be holding classes with a Confirmation Service in September, please let me know if you would like to join us.



Easter Prepping 2023





Joint Pancake & Pizza Club
March 2023 🥞🥞🥞🍕🍕🍕





Bartestree Cross Group of Churches



SERVICES APRIL 2023

Sunday 2nd April Palm Sunday

9.30am	Family Communion	Lugwardine
11am	Family Communion	Dormington
11am	Communion Service	Weston Beggard

Holy Week Walks start at 6pm

Monday 3 rd	Lugwardine to Withington
Tuesday 4 th	Withington to Westhide
Wednesday 5 th	Westhide to Weston Beggard
Thursday 6 th	Weston Beggard to Dormington

Maundy Thursday 6th April

7pm (after the walk)	Short family friendly service	Dormington
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Good Friday 7th April

2-3pm Drop-in	The Last Hour of the Cross Meditation	Withington
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Sunday 9th April Easter Day

9.30am	Easter Communion	Withington
11am	Easter Communion	Lugwardine
11am	Easter Communion	Dormington
11am	Easter Morning Prayer	Weston Beggard

Sunday 16^h April

9.30am	Holy Communion	Withington
11.00am	Holy Communion	Weston Beggard
5.30pm	Evensong	Dormington

Sunday 23rd April

9.30 am	Holy Communion	Lugwardine
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Westhide
4.00 pm	4 th @4 Family Service	Withington

Sunday 30th April

10am	Group Benefice Communion	Westhide
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Prayer items (please let us know any prayers you would like added)

- Our Ukrainian families as the war at home continues . For peace to come soon. .
- For those in our communities who are unwell, caring for others, struggling and those who are grieving.
- Our churches as we continue to wait and trust in God together for the right person to be our new Vicar at the right time.
- Our Benefice Choir.
- The Intergenerational Mission project, with thanks for all the children who have heard about the sad news of Jesus' death on the cross and the good news that He is risen for each one of us. For the confirmation candidates we know already and those who may still wish to join us.

Holy Week & Easter in our Benefice

Palm Sunday 2nd April



9.30am Family Communion at Lugwardine
11am Family Communion at Dormington
11am Family Communion at Weston Beggard

Maundy Thursday 6th April

7pm Maundy Service at Dormington



Good Friday 7th April

2-3pm Drop-in Meditation at Withington
with the Revd Penny Littlewood

Easter Day Services Sunday 9th April



9.30 Easter Communion at Withington
11am Easter Communion at Lugwardine
11am Easter Communion at Dormington
11am Morning Prayer at Weston Beggard

Lent Lunches

Still to come is Dormington Tuesday 28th March

Family Tuesdays Together Tuesday 4th

A drop in session for families with games, egg rolling, craft and Easter refreshments
2-3.30pm at Withington Church.
please contact Christine Cattanach



Holy Week Walks

Monday to Thursday, 3rd – 6th April

Monday – Lugwardine to Withington

Tuesday Withington to Westhide

Wednesday Westhide to Weston Beggard

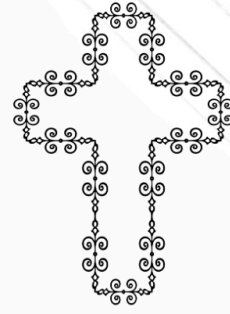
Thursday Weston Beggard to Dormington

followed by a short Maundy Thursday Service at 7pm

Refreshments at the end each evening

For more info contact

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EVERYONE IS WELCOME
TO JOIN US

HOLY WEEK WALKS

All walks start at 6pm and end with refreshments

Monday 3rd Lugwardine to Withington

Tuesday 4th Withington to Westhide

Wednesday 5th Westhide to Weston Beggard

Thursday 6th Weston Beggard to Dormington.

After refreshments at Dormington we will be having
a Maundy Thursday service suitable for all ages.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS OF SPECIFIC WALKS/SUITABILITY
FOR DOGS OR YOUNG CHILDREN, PLEASE CONTACT
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A little plug for our Choir

The choir meets each Wednesday evening at St Peters Lugwardine at 6pm for
an hour.

All enthusiastic singers are welcome and whilst being able to read music is
useful it is not a prerequisite.

You are welcome to come and join us. Simply turn up at one of our practices or
email Sheila sheila_music@hotmail.com
or Judith judithhowekz@hotmail.co.uk



St Peter's
Withington

Family Tuesdays Together *Easter Special*

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON
OF EGG ROLLING, EASTER CRAFT, CAKE & A CUPPA

TUESDAY APRIL 4TH

2-3.30PM

ST PETER'S CHURCH

WITHINGTON

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