

SUNDAY 14th April 2024



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
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Loving God and Loving our Neighbour
Beane Valley Benefice

14th APRIL 3rd Sunday of Easter

9 30am Watton Holy Communion

11 am Aston Family Service – all welcome

11 15am Bramfield Prayer and Praise

11 15am Stapleford Holy Communion

LOOKING AHEAD 21st April 4th Sunday of Easter

10am Watton 'Church in the Pub' informal contemporary worship in George and Dragon Contact Sharon **07931325288**

11 am Aston Holy Communion

11 15am Waterford Morning Prayer

11 15am Stapleford Prayer and Praise

You are welcome to attend a service in ANY church

Activity bags or activities are provided for children



Tuesday 16th APRIL 10am Holy Communion 128 High St (Linda Tyler) followed by coffee and chat – please ring Linda **01920 83046**



Wednesday 17th APRIL 2 30pm STAPLEFORD CHURCH TEA AFTERNOON
all are welcome for tea, coffee, cake and chat.

NIGHT PRAYER Alternate WEDNESDAYS 7 30pm on ZOOM next on 24th April
Contact Rev Angela clergy.angela@gmail.com

ASTON Coffee on Morning 5th April raised a wonderful **£600 for a new defibrillator for the village – Congratulations to Sara and all her helpers.**

Resurrection Appearances

Sunday – At the tomb

– Luke 24:6-11; John 20:3-9

Sunday – On the road to Emmaus

– Luke 24:13-35

Sunday – To the ten disciples in upper room

– Luke 24:36-48

Sunday – One week later: to the eleven disciples in upper room

– John 20:19-31

Sometime later on the Mount of Galilee to the eleven disciples

– Matthew 28:16-17

Jesus' ascension from the Mount of Galilee

– Acts 1:4-6

Collect Prayer 3rd Sunday of Easter:

Risen Christ,
you filled the
disciples with
boldness and
fresh hope:
strengthen us to
proclaim your
risen life and fill
us with your
peace,
to the glory of
God the Father.
Amen.

PRAY for PEACE in ISRAEL and GAZA, UKRAINE and all areas of conflict

Lord God, though peace seems humanly impossible,
we continue to pray for an end to violence and bloodshed.
We pray your comfort for the fearful and broken – hearted.
Change the hearts of those set on revenge and destruction.
Give wisdom to world leaders as they respond to aggression.
Bless all who work for understanding, reconciliation and justice
which alone bring lasting peace. Amen.

‘Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.’ (Romans 12:12)



WATTON CHURCH QUIZ - a really fun

evening **27th April 7pm** Memorial Hall.

TICKETS £15 includes a light supper.

Please bring your own drinks.

Tables for teams of 8 or 10 - if you are not
able to form a team of your own, we will
find a team for you to join. Contact

mccashandhay@yahoo.co.uk. Proceeds will go to the upkeep of the church.

'GOING DEEPER INTO GOD' in the BEANE VALLEY BENEFICE

2pm TUESDAYs ZOOM BIBLE STUDY SPRING 2024

Questions Jesus asks... then and now

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JESUS
ASKED ?

Tues 16th April *Do you understand what I have done for you?* (John 13:1-20)

Tues 23rd April *Do you love me?* (John 21:15-22)

Tues 30th April *Don't you know me, after all this time?* (John 14:6-14)

Tues 7th May *Why does this generation ask for a miraculous sign?* (Mark 8:1-13)

Email Rev Jenny to receive **this Weekly Newsletter & Thought for the Day**

jennygrayrectory@gmail.com *You can unsubscribe at any time*



PLAYSPACE Tues 9.20 am – 12 noon

KIDS' SPACE Fridays 3.30pm - 5.15pm and

TEA ROOM in the Memorial Hall

Contact Sharon **07931325288**



WEDNESDAYS 10am Morning Prayer Service in St Andrew's Bramfield

short said service followed by coffee, chat and sometimes cake

Time to catch up with the Ministry team.



TUESDAYS Waterford Church and Churchyard

Working Parties – Contact Churchwarden Malcolm

Wandrag to offer help m.t.wandrag@gmail.com

To help in **Stapleford or Watton or Bramfield** please contact the Churchwardens.

ASTON church open Sundays 12.00-16.00 and

Wednesdays 10.00 -17.00

Church and churchyard working parties first Tuesday of month 10am to 12 noon.

Contact Churchwarden Sara wardenstmarys@gmail.com

THANK YOU to all our Volunteers.

For news about the recent Easter Pilgrimage, follow this link to the Diocese website

<https://www.stalbansdiocese.org/news/easter-monday-pilgrimage-2024/>

**BEANE VALLEY BENEFICE
ASTON, BRAMFIELD, STAPLEFORD, WATERFORD and WATTON AT STONE**



**LOOKING AHEAD Annual General Church
Meetings APCMs 2024**

Sunday 21st April 12 noon **Aston** APCM in Church after service

Thursday 25th April 7 45pm **Watton** APCM in the Memorial Hall

Friday 26th April 2pm **Bramfield** APCM in Church

Sunday 5th May 12 noon **Waterford** APCM in Church after service

Stapleford Thursday 23rd May 8pm APCM in Church



LOOKING AHEAD

9 Days of Prayer

9th May-19th May 2024

Ascension Day to Pentecost 2024

The Archbishops' invitation for Christians worldwide to pray for people to know Jesus Christ **#ThyKingdomCome**
#Pledge2Pray twitter.com



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 12th to 18th May 2024

DONATE to Christian Aid Appeals in our churches and at www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals This year's appeal is

focused on Burundi, one of the poorest countries in Africa, badly affected by climate change, droughts, floods and landslides.

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You can access online help at griefshare.org thebereavementjourney.org
cruse.org.uk teardropgrief.co.uk ataloss.org

Need someone to talk to? YOUR MINISTRY TEAM ARE HERE

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