

# Four Rivers Benefice News

Parishes of Bedfield, Brundish  
Cratfield, Laxfield, Monk Soham  
Tannington, Wilby  
Worlingworth with Southolt  
**April 2026**



## Dear Friends

Happy Easter! I am praying that the love of God our Father is filling your hearts as we celebrate the wonder of the resurrection of his dear Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

But for many, Easter is when you get a few days off work, get away with the family for a short break and rarely think about why there is such a break at some point in the first third of the year. As a child, we were not allowed to eat hot cross buns until Good Friday morning when either my brother or I were sent to the local bakers to collect them. As for Easter eggs being on the supermarket shelves on Boxing Day, my Mum would be horrified... as I am actually!! The children from Bedfield School provided an interesting look at Easter eggs at their end of term service in St Nicholas' church and had gone to the lengths of finding an Easter egg which actually mentioned what Easter is all about! At Laxfield All Saints, the children provided some provoking, written reflections about the season, and their singing was an absolute delight.

I am hoping that I will be able to attend the Easter service at St Mary's Wilby next year and receive an invitation from the primary school in Worlingworth to explore the Easter message. May the Holy Spirit continue to work in each and every one of our parishes and may we all give support to those in the Four Rivers who are preparing for confirmation this year. God bless all!

*Revd Chrissie*

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## What's on during April?.....

### Mondays 6th and 20th

**The Care Café** at Bedfield Community Hub, 10.30am to 1pm. Free entry. For carers, cared for, bereaved and those alone. Contact Jenny on 07710 218957.

**Saturday 4th Community Market**, Laxfield, 9.30 to 12 noon.

**Friday 10th Meet up Friday**, The Royal Oak, Laxfield, 10 to 11.30am.

**Saturday 11th Laxfield Tower Cafe Breakfast** 9 to 11am. Full English £10

**Saturday 18th Saturday Social**, 10 to 11.30am, Laxfield.

**Friday 24th Lunchtime concert** 12.30pm, Laxfield featuring 4 Sax

**Thursday 30th Tea at the Vicarage**, Laxfield, 3 to 4pm. Please join us.

### Sunday 12th April

10.30am Morning Praise, Bedfield  
10.30am Celtic Morning Prayer, Laxfield  
11am BCP Morning Prayer, M/Soham  
11am Holy Communion, Tannington

### Sunday 19th

9.30am Chatty Church, Laxfield  
10.30am Village Worship, Wilby  
11am BCP Holy Communion, Monk Soham  
11am Let's Celebrate, Worlingworth

## Four Rivers Churches

### Palm Sunday (29th March)

10.30am Benefice Celebration  
Laxfield  
11am Holy Communion Worlingworth

### Maundy Thursday (2nd April)

6.30pm Agape Service Cratfield

### Good Friday (3rd April)

9.00am Sung Litany Monk Soham  
10.30am Easter Garden Bedfield  
10.30am Easter Garden Laxfield  
10.30am Good Friday Service Wilby  
11.00am At the foot of the cross W/worth  
12 noon to 3pm Vigil Laxfield

### Easter Day (5th April)

6.00am Sunrise Service Monk Soham  
9.30am Holy Communion Bedfield,  
Cratfield and Laxfield  
11.00am Holy Communion Monk Soham,  
Wilby and Worlingworth  
4.00pm Holy Communion Brundish,  
before Easter Service at 4.30pm

### Sunday 26th April

9.30am Village Worship, Cratfield  
10.30am Holy Communion, Bedfield  
10.30am Celtic Morning Service, Wilby  
11am BCP Morning Prayer, Worlingworth

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