

Hook Norton Benefice April 2026

Hook Norton with Great Rollright, Swerford and Wigginton



Maundy Thursday

Thursday 2nd April

Benefice Passover Meal

7pm

at St Peter's Church, Hook Norton.

[Sign up lists at the back of each church](#)



Good Friday

Friday 3rd April

Benefice Service

'At the Foot of the Cross'

2pm at St Peter's Church Hook Norton



Easter Day

Sunday 5th April

10am	Easter Day Morning Worship	Hook Norton
10am	Easter Day Holy Communion	Gt Rollright
10am	Easter Day Morning Worship	Wigginton
10am	Easter Day Holy Communion	Swerford



Calendar of Services

Thursday 2nd April (Maundy Thursday)

7.00pm Passover Meal and Communion Hook Norton

Friday 3rd April (Good Friday)

2pm Benefice Service Hook Norton
'At the Foot of the Cross'

Sunday 5th April (Easter Day)

10.00am Morning Worship Hook Norton

10.00am Holy Communion Gt Rollright

10.00am Morning Worship Wigginton

10.00am Holy Communion Swerford

Sunday 12th April (Easter 2)

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Wigginton

10.00am Holy Communion Hook Norton

10.00am Morning Worship Gt Rollright

Sunday 19th April (Easter 3)

8.00am Holy Communion Swerford

10.00am Morning Worship Hook Norton

10.00am Holy Communion Gt Rollright

6.00pm Evensong (BCP) Wigginton

Sunday 26th April (Easter 4)

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Gt Rollright

10.00am Holy Communion Hook Norton

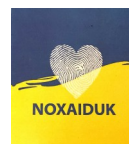
10.00am Morning Worship Wigginton

Holy Communion (BCP) Wednesdays at 10am at Hook Norton
April Services: 1st and 15th only
Everyone Welcome

Thank you to... The team who ran and all who supported the St Andrew's Church Quiz.

Pray for Ukraine - Prayer sheets in every church

If you would like to support the work of NOXAIDUK, who are based in Hook Norton, and run regular relief convoys to Ukraine, the bank details are NOXAIDUK Barclays Bank Sort Code 20 03 84, Account Number 03595552. If you would like to learn more of their work, please contact James Clarke.



Regular Events in Church

All Welcome

Font Café

10am till noon at St Peter's Church Hook Norton, every Saturday.



Cake and Bake Sale **Saturday 11th April**

Bellringing Practice

Thursdays at 7:30pm, St Peter's Church Hook Norton.



Coffee Morning

4th Friday of the month 10.30am till noon at St Giles' Church, Wigginton



Friday 24th April

Hooky Neighbours Pantry

Hook Norton Baptist Church Hall

1st Thursday of the month

1.30pm to 3.00pm

3rd Saturday of month

HOOKY NEIGHBOURS



10am till noon

See posters in village or FB for more details.

Church Annual Meetings

Annual District Church Meetings:

St Peters: Sunday 26th April after 10am in St Peter's Church

St Andrews: Sunday 10th May after 10am in St Andrew's Church

St Marys: TBC in St Mary's Church

Annual Parochial Church Meetings:

Hook Norton with Great Rollright and Swerford :

Tuesday 19th May at 7.30pm at St Peter's Church

Wigginton: Wednesday 20th May at 7pm at St Giles' Church



Hook Norton Library Annual Book and Plant Sale

Saturday 9th May, 9.30am - 12 noon in the library car park. (In church if wet)

Refreshments in St Peter's Church

See posters in village for details on how to donate books and plants.



Banbury Chamber Orchestra Concert

Sunday 10th May at 4pm at St Peter's Church Hook Norton

Tickets on the door or see website - www.banburysymphony.com



Hook Norton Open Gardens 2026

Over the weekend of 13/14 June 2026, residents around the village will be opening their gardens as part of a St Peter's Church fundraising event. This will be between 2.00 - 5.00pm.

Tickets, £7 for adults and free for accompanied children under 16, will be on sale from the

beginning of May from the Village Shop, Hook Norton Butchers, 18 Beanacre and St Peter's Church (after Sunday Services).

St Peter's Church will be open, serving teas, coffees and homemade cakes.

There will also be a plant sale. Contacts below. Please can people remember this when they are planting their seeds and dividing their perennials. Details nearer the time if you want to bake a cake. This will be an exciting weekend and we do hope you will be involved.

Organiser: Rita Wheatley wheatleyjohn9@gmail.com 01608 737097

Plant Sale: Angel Powell angelmppowell@gmail.com 07977 441257

Plant Sale: Jane Orchard sjorchard15@gmail.com 01608 737634



April 2026 Prayer Focus - Cheerfulness

A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a downcast spirit dries up the bones - Proverbs 17 verse 22



Flowers are bursting forth, trees are in bud, and spring is officially here, but global conflict is dominating the news. Do we have a cheerful heart or dry bones? Let's watch the birds nesting, butterflies appearing, flowers blooming and be cheerful despite the news, because cheerfulness is contagious.

Jesus' followers would not have been cheerful that first Easter even though He had told them not to be afraid as He would rise from the dead. At first, they chose not to believe, but then they were filled with joy and excitement.

On seeing Jesus again, their cheerful hearts were good medicine to the others. So next time the news is all gloom, think on cheerful things, *"for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come"* (Song of Songs 2). Every cloud has a silver lining.

This month pray:

- That you will find joy amongst gloom.
- For those who are downcast, for whom life is joyless, that they may see hope.
- For those whose job it is to support others going through difficult times, that they will bring joy to the needy.

Finally, April 8th is the closing date for applications for our next Rector.

"Heavenly Father, we trust you to provide the right person to lead our benefice.

May your Holy Spirit encourage that person to apply and guide those who will make the decision on our behalf".

Keith Disney

Bell Ringing Full Peal 18.04.26 09.30 - 13.00

Benefice Ministry Team

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For services and events see our **website**: Hooknortonbenefice.org.uk

Please send details of events to be included in this handout to office@hooknortonbenefice.org.uk by the 12th of the month - thanks