

**SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2026**  
**(Fourth Sunday of Easter, Lectionary Year A)**

**COLLECT**

Risen Christ,  
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:  
teach us to hear your voice  
and to follow your command,  
that all your people may be gathered into  
one flock,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
Amen

**PSALM 23**

- <sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.
- <sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.
- <sup>3</sup> He shall refresh my soul and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- <sup>4</sup> Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- <sup>5</sup> You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.
- <sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

**ACTS 2:42-47**

*(A reading from the Acts of the Apostles)*

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

**GOSPEL: JOHN 10:1-10**

*(Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John)*

Jesus said: "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

*(This is the Gospel of the Lord)*

**THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Merciful Father,  
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,  
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:  
keep us always under his protection,  
and give us grace to follow in his steps;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

## NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026

### CHRISTIAN WORSHIP for SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> MAY – Fifth Sunday of Easter

8.00am St Mary Hilton with Marston on Dove Morning Prayer  
9.30am Boylestone Morning Worship  
9.30am Hatton Morning Worship  
11.00am St Mary, Hilton with Marston on Dove Holy Communion

**READINGS: Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5; John 14:1-14**

### EVENTS AND SERVICES FOR WEEK OF THE 26<sup>th</sup> APRIL

- Monday 7.00pm: Hilton with Marston on Dove PCC Meeting
- Tuesday 1.15pm: Little Saints, All Saints' Hatton
- Tuesday 5.30pm: Dove Club, All Saints' Hatton
- Wednesday 9.30am: Morning Prayer at All Saints' Hatton
- Wednesday 7.30pm: Church Broughton PCC Meeting
- Friday 10.00am – 2.00pm: Hub Community Café, at All Saints' Jubilee Hall, Station Road, Hatton
- Saturday 10.00am – midday: Coffee morning at Hatton Jubilee Hall in aid of Duchenne

### APPLETREE CHURCHES MORNING PRAYER

Zoom morning prayer will usually be held on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings at 8am. On Wednesdays Morning Prayer will be held at All Saints Church, Hatton at 9.30am. Once a month at 9.30am there will be a service of Holy Communion.

The Zoom link for Morning Prayer can be found in the Teamup entry, or contact Vickie for the link. If you would like help with setting up Zoom for Morning Prayer, please also contact Vickie: [vickie@appletreechurches.org](mailto:vickie@appletreechurches.org) / 07977 067 585.

All are welcome.

### ANNUAL MEETING DATES

An Annual Meeting for the Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a mandatory yearly gathering in the Church of England, held between January 1 and May 31, where church members review the previous year's activities, financial accounts, and hold elections for the PCC and churchwardens. It is a vital governance meeting enabling parishioners to influence church direction.

The following are the dates for each of the PCC's Annual meetings:

Boylestone PCC	Monday May 11 <sup>th</sup> 7pm at Boylestone Village Hall
Church Broughton PCC	Tuesday May 12 <sup>th</sup> 7pm, Church Broughton Church
Hilton with Marston on Dove PCC	Monday May 18 <sup>th</sup> 7pm in St Mary's Schoolroom
Hatton PCC	Thursday May 21 <sup>st</sup> 6pm, All Saints Hatton Church

### MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS AT CHURCH BROUGHTON – MONDAY MAY 4<sup>th</sup>.

Church Broughton are having their annual May Day event on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May – there are lots of stalls, teas and cakes, plus the usual Maypole dancing and other school events.

Church Broughton Church have a good quality second hand bookstall with jigsaws and games plus a small sideshow to raise funds for Church, on Main Street.

Please do support this village and school fund raising event.

## **CHRISTIAN AID CREAM TEA AT CHURCH BROUGHTON SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup> May**

Church Broughton Church are holding a Cream Tea event to support Christian Aid week, which runs from 10<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> May.

The Cream Tea is being held in the Community Room at the Church Broughton Village Hall from 2.00pm to 4.00 pm. Please do support this great cause.

## **ELECTORAL ROLL**

It is the time of year for the Church Electoral Roll to be updated.

Being on the Church of England electoral roll allows you to vote on church matters and attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). It is a sign of commitment and is a means for you to help shape the church's future.

Notices will be posted on Church doors, and/or notice boards giving information about this and new application forms will be available in church.

If you have any questions or concerns, or if you'd like to know if you are eligible to join the Church Electoral Roll, please talk to your Electoral Roll Officer, or your Churchwarden.

*Electoral Roll officers are:*

Boylestone: Jill Cantrill

Church Broughton: Sue Smith

Hatton: Alison Mottram

Hilton with Marston on Dove: Elaine Root

*Churchwardens are:*

Boylestone: Janet Beloe and Pauline Hill

Church Broughton: Rita Shanks

Hatton: Lindsey Ashenden

Hilton with Marston on Dove: Vickie Melling

## **BOYLESTONE PRE-DUCK RACE PLANT SALE MAY 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>**

Please support our stall selling anything garden related in aid of St John the Baptist Church. The sale will be held over the weekend of the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> May from 10am to 4pm at the church.

The Boylestone Duck Race will be held on June 27<sup>th</sup> from 4pm to 9pm.

## **BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

### **At Hatton**

Laura Susan Wigg-Bailey and Daniel James Crawford both of the Parish of Hatton.

Laura and Daniel are to be married at St Michaels Church, Rocester on 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

### **At Boylestone**

Lucy Alice King and Tyler Jay Thurston both of the Parish of All Saints, Four Oaks /Birmingham.

Lucy and Tyler are to be married at St John the Baptist, Boylestone on 30<sup>th</sup> May.

Please pray for these couples in all their preparation.

## ARTHUR RANK RURAL MINISTRY AND MINISTRY ROADSHOW

Please see the invitation below to attend the Arthur Rank Centre Roadshow at Bakewell on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at Bakewell Methodist Church.

Please book using the following link:

<https://arthurrankcentre.org.uk/rural-roadshow-arc-on-the-road/>



To book your place go to [www.arthurrankcentre.org.uk/Rural-Roadshow](http://www.arthurrankcentre.org.uk/Rural-Roadshow)

For more information contact us on [info@arthurrankcentre.org.uk](mailto:info@arthurrankcentre.org.uk)

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## VISITING PARISHIONERS

Do you know anyone who would like a visit from Rev Ed? If yes, please can you let Rev Ed know. Ed's contact details are at the top of the page.