

The North Lafford Benefice

Newsletter

April 2026



Reflection from the Rectory

importance to us.

Easter is nearly here. I pray that you have achieved the goals you might have set yourselves for the 40 days. I will mention it later on, but I have been blessed to lead the Lent Exploration with so many people wanting to know more about our faith and how we might express ourselves to others and its

Soon we will be proclaiming Alleluia! Christ is Risen! The hallowed call is raised by the faithful. The response? A resounding He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia! By the time of publishing we will be into Holy Week. Following a jubilee year of rest for the Ministry team last year, there is a full programme of services for us to worship, praise and pray. Details are at the end of the Newsletter. We are an Easter people. As such this time of year should always hold extra special meaning for us. Through the events of Holy Week and the Triduum (From Maundy Thursday to Easter Day) our faith is confirmed through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus. There is always time to pray. Our Lord Jesus did so daily, I pray that you will too. Somewhere on your noticeboards or tables will be a lovely poster which says, "Your Bible Is Not Just For Sunday's". The lay minister who puts that poster together does so because they realise that **each day is a faith day**. Our faith is not like the Easter eggs that are on sale, almost from Boxing day, to be consumed and forgotten. Faith is to hold Christ's teachings at the very heart of who are and what we do. It is a living, giving wonderful gift. I pray that the whole of this Easter season, and every day beyond, will be a time for us to remember the price that God paid for our salvation through his Son's death on the Cross and our Lord's glorious resurrection which brings us to the promised Christian hope of eternal life. With every blessing. Alleluia. Reverend Al.

Lent Exploration

This year's Lent Exploration was based on the film *The King's Speech*, called *Finding a Voice*. Through 5 sessions we sought to build our confidence as Christians to be able to tell others about Jesus and what he has done and continues to do in our lives. Reverend Al said that he felt blessed that so many came along to the sessions and by the time the 5 weeks were ending there was so much conversation at times we did not have space for all of the various materials and topics! Thank you Lord! Why not come along to our Bible Studies which will start up again, probably in June. We would love to see you there. [More information soon.](#)



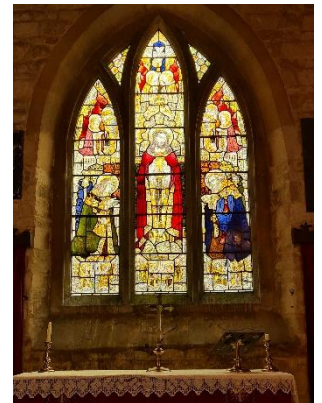
Messy Church



Messy Church in March was all about mothers. Thank you to everyone who came along, and we look forward to seeing you for our Easter Trail on the 7th of March, where we will travel around the four churches of Ruskington collecting clues and learning more about Easter. There will be no Messy Church in April, but we will be back on the 10th of May. (Photos of the day are on the boards at All Saints and the Winchelsea Centre).

Wednesday Benefice Evening Holy Communion

Our Benefice Mid-week evening Communion returned on the 18th of March 2026 at 6.30pm at St Mary's Evedon. It was a really wonderful to worship early in the evening as dusk settled. We sang a cappella as has become our tradition, worshipped through the sacrament of Holy Communion and had a time of fellowship and conversation after the service. Thank you to Tony and Carole for ensuring we were, as always, looked after.



Lent Lunches We were delighted to welcome so many people to the Lent Lunches. It was a time of real sharing and caring. Volunteer waiters looked after their tables and there was a real sense of community. Thank you to everyone who came along to support the

lunches. A particularly large thank you to everyone who set up, served, cooked and generally too care of all those things Jesus asks us to do.

Collective Worship

We continue to support our primary schools through Open the Book, acting as governors and Collective Worship (assembly in old money). Reverend Al spent some time with both Church Schools during March, including explaining the Triduum to the children of Chestnut Street. He was really blessed as they answered the questions about Palm Sunday, the Last Supper and all that happened at that meal and Good Friday and Easter. No Chocolate Easter eggs were mentioned until the very end. Thank you Chestnut Street. There will be more school news in the May edition as we have several church services planned for Holy Week.

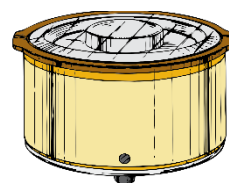


All Saints and Benefice Events



All SORTS – held on a Monday between 2 and 4pm . Drop in and join with us for a friendly chat and a cup of coffee. You can take part in all sorts of craft or bring your own to show us.

THE SLOW COOKER LUNCH. Sunday the 26th of April 1pm. Join us for a simple friendly lunch. Only 40 places available. Put your name down on the list at the back of All Saints Church or sign up at allsaintslentlunches@gmail.com. £8.00 for 2 courses.



Holy Week

As we begin Holy Week I do hope that you will come and join in as we worship together and celebrate our Lord’s entry into Jerusalem. A programme of Holy Week and Easter services are below.

Services for the Benefice of North Lafford for Holy Week			
Day	Time	Service	Church
Monday 30 March	6pm	Evening Prayer	Ruskington, Cranwell and Leasingham
Tuesday 31 March	6pm	Evening Prayer	Ruskington, Cranwell and Leasingham
Wednesday 1 April	6pm	Evening Prayer	Ruskington, Cranwell and Leasingham

Thursday 2 April	7pm	Maundy Thursday - Benefice Holy Communion with the Watch	Ruskington
Friday 3 April	11.30a m	Good Friday - Service of Reflection and Prayer	Ruskington (followed by an Easter film), Cranwell and Leasingham
Saturday 4 April	6pm	Easter Saturday - Tenebrae – A Service of Light and Dark	Ruskington
Saturday 4 April	6pm	Evening Prayer	Cranwell and Leasingham
Sunday 5 April	6.15am	Benefice Dawn Service	Ruskington
Sunday 5 April	9.30am	Easter Morning Praise	Leasingham
Sunday 5 April	11am	Easter Morning Praise	Cranwell
Sunday 5 April	11am	Easter Holy Communion	Ruskington

World Day of Prayer



World Day of Prayer was celebrated in the Zion Church, Chestnut Street on the 6th March. The Zion Church, Methodist Chapel and All Saints Church worked and prayed together to present a service created by the women of Nigeria. Stories from three Nigerian women told how they had been oppressed and then were helped to make their lives better and expressed how their faith in God enhanced the way they now lived. Prayers were said and hymns sung and afterwards the congregation enjoyed refreshments together.



Please remember to send your Newsletter article to northlafford@gmail.com

Articles should be submitted by the **20th April** to ensure its inclusion in **May edition**

News From St Andrew's Church, Cranwell Village



Spring has arrived in the Churchyard at St Andrew's Church, all the plants and flowers are really beautiful.

On Saturday 7th March St Andrew's Church, Cranwell held their usual coffee morning which saw some new visitors from the village. The Charity stall for the month was SSAFA, the Armed Forces Charity which was very well supported.



The coffee morning next month is on Saturday 4th April which will be the Church's Annual Easter fundraising stalls including the themed children's tombola, which includes many crafts made by local parishioners along with an Easter Guess the Name of the Easter Rabbit.



The Cranwell Community Choir is presenting an evening of music, in St Andrew's Church, Cranwell on Saturday 11th April at 7pm.

Join come along and join them for this very special event. Admission £2 pp, Children under 16yrs FREE and enjoy light refreshments and a glass of punch.

Pastoral Visitor

A Listener to your concerns



A prayer for you in time of need.



Church Pastoral Team trained to prayerfully listen.

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Coffee Fellowship

April Coffee Mornings around the Benefice

Do you enjoy a coffee and some good conversation on a Saturday morning? With a warm welcome, stalls to tempt and a hot drink to quench your thirst, why not tour the Benefice?

4th April Anwick Village Hall at 10.00am

4th April Cranwell Village Hall at 10.00am

11th April Leasingham Village Hall 10-11.30am

18th April Ruskington Winchelsea Centre at 9.30am - noon

Safeguarding

Fraud and how it is prevalent today



Speaker Sharon Hall from Lincolnshire Police

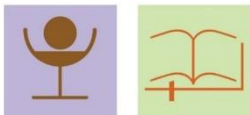
Wednesday 29th April at 7.00pm

Winchelsea Centre

Invitation to all members of our Benefice Church Communities welcome to attend

Should you wish to attend or have any queries please contact our safeguarding officer
Kath Lawrence beforehand.

Email address, stableyard100@gmail.com



**PARISH
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SCHEME**

All Saints Ruskington Parish Giving Scheme

The All Saints Ruskington Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) is now live online.

The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) is a simple and secure way, for those wanting to make a regular donation, to the upkeep of the Church. Allowing the Treasurer to be able to budget church funds. If you are a UK tax payer this scheme also allows the Church to claim back 25% of your donation via Gift Aid. You can give monthly, quarterly, annually or a one of gift. You set the amount which cannot be changed unless you authorise it. You can cancel your PGS at any time. It's as simple as A B C:

- A. Using your search engine, log onto the Church of England Parish Giving Scheme page to register and complete your details
- B. Confirm your details and activate
- C. Complete your bank account details and gift aid form and then submit

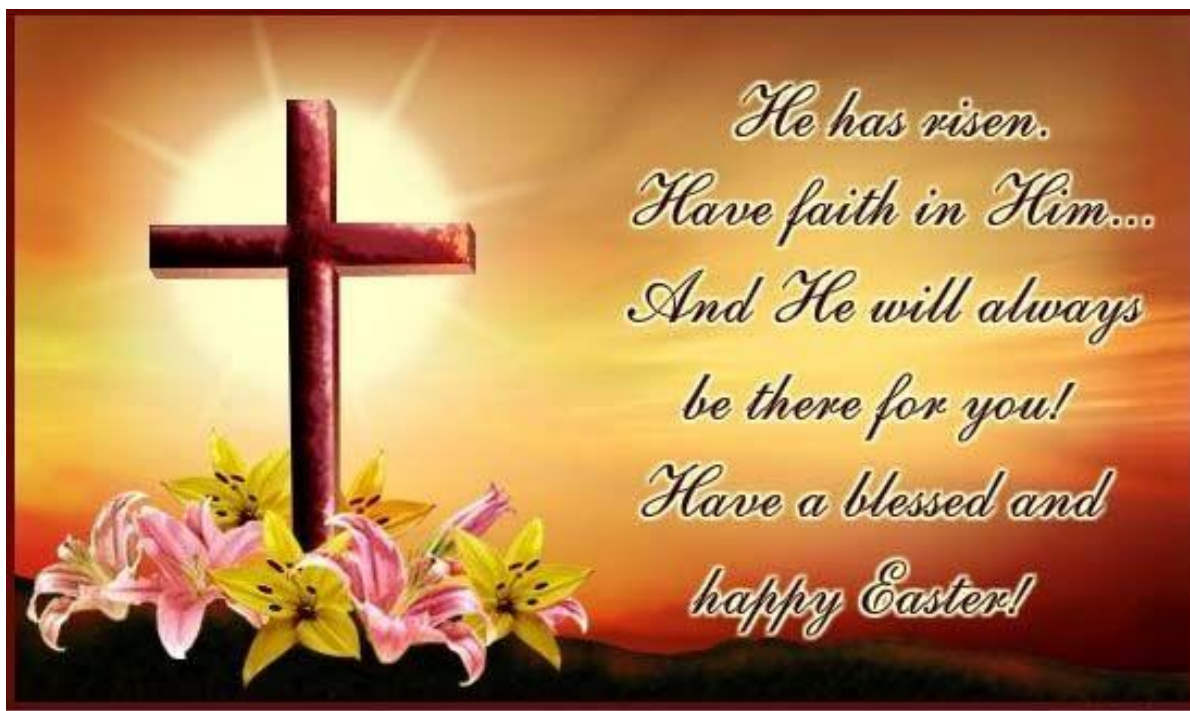
You will receive a confirmatory letter within 24 hours

The All Saints Ruskington PGS point of contact for any issues or further information is Jeremy Field. Jeremy.field4@icloud.com or ring 078 112 46 112.

Thank you for supporting the All Saints Ruskington PGS

Readings for April 2026

	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading	Gospel
Thursday 2 nd April Maundy Thursday White	Exodus 12.1-4	1 Corinthians 11.23-26	John 13.1-17,31b-35
Sunday 5 th April Easter morning White	Jeremiah 31:1-6	Acts 10:34-43	John 20:1-18
Sunday 12 April 2 nd Sunday of Easter White	Acts 2:14b,22-32	1 Peter 1:3-9	John 20:19 -31
Sunday 19 th April 3 rd Sunday of Easter White	Acts 2:14a, 36-41	1 Peter 1:17-23	Luke 24:13-35
Sunday 26 th April 4 th Sunday after Easter White	Acts 2:42- 47	1 Peter 2:19-25	John 10:1-10



Monthly Sunday Service Planner - North Lafford Group - April 2026

Date	Time	All Saints Ruskington
12 th April 2026	11am	Morning Praise
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