

GOOD NEWS



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BAPTISMS and **MARRIAGES** by appointment

From Rev'd Emma

Cast your minds back to 21 September 2022, the date of my licensing as Priest-in-Charge of Preston St John with Brighton St Augustine and St Saviour . . . At the beginning of the service of Licensing, Bishop Will addressed the congregation, saying:

My brothers and sisters, we are all anointed by the spirit of God with many gifts and talents to enable us to live our apostolic life as we seek to know, love, follow Jesus. I now call upon you, as you receive a new priest and pastor, to live out what you proclaim.

One way to live out what you proclaim is to use those gifts and talents with which we have been anointed by the spirit of God is by serving as Churchwardens, members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC), Deanery Synod representatives, or Treasurer as we seek to know, love and follow Jesus ourselves, as well as to encourage others to do the same.

The PCC is a team, made up of members of clergy and lay members of the church. Together, they are responsible for the overall wellbeing, practical as well as spiritual, of the church, the church members, and the church buildings. All members share equal responsibility for the actions of the PCC.

You'll find more information about all of this elsewhere in this month's magazine. Please pray about whether God might be calling you to fill any of these roles and that others will feel able to respond to God's call.

*Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which He looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which He blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are His body.
Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,*

The Cross of Jesus

*The cross is a picture of violence, yet the key to peace;
a picture of suffering, yet the key to healing;
a picture of death, yet the key to life;
a picture of utter weakness, yet the key to power;
a picture of capital punishment, yet the key to mercy and forgiveness;
a picture of vicious hatred, yet the key to love;
a picture of supreme shame, yet the Christian's supreme boast.*

The cross really is the key to everything! Although a horrifying instrument of torture and death, it is also a symbol of God's love and peace. On the cross Jesus died to deal with the problem of our sin and defeat the powers of death and evil. He identified with our sufferings and set us an example of self-sacrificial love.

As Peter writes, *'He himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed'* (1Peter 2:24). Jesus died in our place on the cross and took away our guilt, to pay the full penalty for our sin. Access to God's presence is now open to all, symbolised by the Temple curtain being torn in two from top to bottom. The barrier between us and God was torn down in order *'to bring us to God'* (1 Peter 3:18).

The idea of substitution lies at the heart of understanding what Jesus did on the cross: *'For the essence of sin is man substituting himself for God, while the essence of salvation is God substituting Himself for man. Man asserts himself against God and puts himself where only God deserves to be; God sacrifices Himself for man and puts Himself where only man deserves to be.'* (John Stott).



St John's needs four new PCC members!

This year the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) is on Sunday 17 May at 11:30am at St John's, and there will be **FOUR** vacancies for PCC members



Could this be you?

- The PCC are the Trustees of the parish (which has charitable status), and the PCC, in co-operation with the priest, “*consult together on matters of general concern and importance to the parish. ...[the PCC] co-operates with the priest in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.*” [PCC (Powers) Measure 1956, section 2]
- The PCC controls how the money is spent and how the buildings are looked after.
- The PCC is a link between lay people and the wider deanery, the wider diocese and the wider Church beyond.
- The PCC does not decide matters of doctrine, nor of worship.
- The PCC is not there to “rubber-stamp” the Priest-in-Charge’s views or decisions!
- As a member of the PCC you will be expected to come to PCC meetings (approx. every 6-8 weeks); to pray for the parish, its mission and ministry; get involved, where appropriate, in areas where you have the time and where you feel God is calling you (eg: sit on a subcommittee, be asked to look into a matter occasionally etc.)

PCC Meetings are usually held in the Vestry, start at 7:30pm and aim to finish by 9pm.

Want to know more? Talk to Rev'd Emma or a current PCC member!

To become a member of the PCC you need to fill in a nomination form and be proposed and seconded by two people on the Electoral Roll and elected at the APCM

St John's needs TWO Churchwardens!

At the Annual Parish Meeting (11:30am 17 May), St John's need to appoint 2 Churchwardens.

Could this be you?

We should try to be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit: will you think and pray about whether this is a role that God might be calling you to? There are one or two "qualifications" for a churchwarden (see below) and a "job description" (also see below), but in summary the churchwarden is a link between bishop and priest; and between priest and congregation. The churchwarden is the officer of the bishop and owes duty to the bishop before the parish priest!

QUALIFICATIONS

A churchwarden must be on the electoral roll; aged over 21; baptised, confirmed and a communicant member of the parish; and may be required to undergo a DBS check.

JOB DESCRIPTION

Leadership, labour & love!: maintenance of buildings, records and registers; keeping order in church(!); making reports to APCM & Archdeacon when necessary; attending PCC & Standing Committee Meetings; meeting regularly with the Priest-in-Charge; caring for the Priest-in-Charge & their family; encouraging, caring for and praying for the congregation.

The churchwardens co-operate with the Priest-in-Charge in serving the parish. A churchwarden may stand for a maximum term of 6 years, but you don't *have* to serve for 6 years

DESIRABLE QUALITIES!

Prayerful; not a "yes" person (!); leadership & vision; honesty; discretion; approachability; loyalty; a passion for St John's church!



Churchwardens are responsible for all ornaments within the church. ones introduced without a Faculty.

for all moveable furniture and Ensuring that none are removed or new

It is usual for one Churchwarden to be Vice-Chair of the PCC.

To be responsible for the care, maintenance and preservation of the fabric of the church, reporting regularly to the PCC (or delegating this).

Keeping a full inventory of all articles appertaining to the church, and a logbook recording alterations, additions and repairs.

If you think this might be you, or you'd like a "no obligation" discussion (!), please come and chat to Revd Emma, or any member of the PCC. You will need to be proposed and seconded by two different members of the electoral roll and elected at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Breakfast – with Jesus Christ

“It is the Lord!” (*John 21:7*) There is something very reassuring in the simple scene by Galilee’s lake, described on that post-Easter morning. Taking place there was the birth of a mighty world-wide adventure that has not ended yet! Was there ever a breakfast like it? They’d been fishing all night, but in vain.... until they heard a distant call from the shore: “How are you doing, guys?”

There is even the little detail in the instructions from the beach that it was to be on the *right* side of the boat that the net should be thrown out this time.

That Stranger. That voice! Suddenly the net was full of wriggling fish. It was like coming in at the start of the film again – (see Luke 5:6). Then Peter’s hundred-yard splash to the shore... the charcoal fire and ‘large’ tilapia fish. Then the typical action of fishermen in counting the catch. How the Bible teems with stories.

And now breakfast on the beach, with Jesus Christ! It was a re-commissioning for the apostle Peter, who only days earlier had denied any knowledge of Jesus. From now on it would be different. “Feed my sheep,” said Jesus.

Whose call but Christ’s call? Peter would never be the same again. Those who have truly heard the call of Christ, will still be standing firm when revolutions explode, when finances plunge, when a church falls apart, when a country falls apart.

Whose word but Christ’s word? ‘*Feed my sheep,*’ were His words. Whoever we may be teaching, Christ’s servant is to see to it that what is taught is Christ’s word and not one’s own. The power that brings forgiveness and resurrection life can only come from one source!

Whose flock, but Christ’s flock? ‘MY lambs... MY sheep’ – they were never ours! Realise this – and so much of the conflicts that can occur between the friends of Jesus will cease overnight.

Can you smell the tilapia fish grilling on that little fire by Galilee’s beach? The Stranger on the shore is calling YOU. Along with John, dripping wet in the boat, recognise that He is no stranger. “It is the Lord.”

New Developments in the Garden!

We now have several bird boxes and a bat box

We're now ready for winged visitors to find new homes in the garden. Come and have a look at them, you can see the boxes mounted high up all along the south and east facing walls.

New volunteers welcome

We are very keen to have more help in the garden as we get ready for the summer. Why not come along and see what you think? Absolutely no experience necessary! Tools and gloves provided.

Community Garden Trail

We recently joined the Brighton and Hove Community Garden Network and this June we will be taking part in the Garden Trail, a month-long celebration of Brighton and Hove's Community gardens, which is run in conjunction with Brighton and Hove Buses. Gardens across the city will be open for visitors to come and explore, to learn about wildlife-friendly gardening, to meet people growing flowers and food and to see how shared green spaces are nurturing stronger, more connected communities.

At St John's we are planning to hold 2 open days, with cream teas, on June 6th and 20th, 10-3pm (also the dates of our regular garden working parties). So please put the dates in your diary and come along!



Notice of Upcoming Revision of Electoral Roll

The annual revision of our Electoral Roll takes place from **Sunday 12th April to Sunday 26th April 2026.**

Being on the roll is a way of confirming your membership at St John's and entitles you to attend and vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). If you are baptised, aged 16 or over, and a regular worshipper or resident in the parish, we invite you to join.

How to apply:

- **New Members:** Pick up an application form at the back of the church and hand in your completed form to myself or Alex Harrex.
- **Existing Members:** You do not need to do anything unless your contact details have changed. If so, fill in a new form or contact me at iojukwu1@gmail.com to share your updated details.

Please return all completed forms by **Sunday 26th April** to ensure you are eligible to participate in this year's annual meeting.

Any questions, feel free to get in touch at iojukwu1@gmail.com.



Show of hands

The Sunday School teacher asked her class: "When you die and go to Heaven...which part of you goes?"

Young Suzy ventured: "I think our hands go, whatever else." Startled, the teacher asked why. Suzy replied, "Because when you pray, you hold your hands together in front of you and so when God comes to get you, He'll just naturally grab those first."

Fake?

"The trouble with quotes on the Internet is that you can never be sure they are genuine." - Winston Churchill.

Peaceful mind in Eastertide

Easter is a time of rejoicing over what Christ has done for us. The following may be helpful.

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. - *1 John 4:9*

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. - *Romans 5:6-8*

But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of His Spirit who lives in you. - *Romans 8:10,11*



Your Easter chocolate can be good for you

It all began in ancient Peru over 5,000 years ago. They liked to sip cacao, the purest form of chocolate. It took many centuries to find its way to Europe, but when it did arrive, it was a big hit. Now, with sugar added, chocolate is one of the most popular treats we know. In the UK we munch our way through about 4.5kg of it, per person, per year.

Dark chocolate is soaring in popularity. If it is of good quality, it will have less sugar and more beneficial plant compounds such as polyphenols and flavanols, which can help protect your brain, your heart and your gut from inflammation, among other things.



Is Interfaith Dialogue Relevant in Troubled Times?

This is your invitation to the Annual General Meeting of the Interfaith Contact Group. Join us for an inspired debate with great speakers. Then enjoy a great tea and meet friends, old and new

Sunday, April 19th at 2.30 at The Friends Meeting House, Ship Street, Brighton, BN1 1AF



www.interfaithcontactgroup.com

From Sue's Kitchen

Easter Biscuits

3oz margarine

4oz caster sugar

6oz self raising flour

½ oz mixed peel

2oz currants

1 egg yolk

1 tsp mixed spice

1 tbsp milk

Heat the oven to 180° C or gas mark 4

Cream the sugar and margarine together.

Beat in the egg yolk.

Gradually work in the flour and spice.

Add the fruit and enough milk to make a soft dough.

Roll out of 1/4" thickness and cut into 2" rounds.

Place on a greased baking tray.

Prick with a fork.

Bake for 20 minutes

When baked, sprinkle lightly with caster sugar.





Inclusive Church



An ecumenical network of churches working together towards a shared vision



We believe in **inclusive church** – a church which **celebrates and affirms** every person and does not discriminate. We will continue to challenge the Church where it continues to discriminate against people on grounds of **disability, economic power, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, learning disability, mental health, neurodiversity** or **sexuality**.

A Church which welcomes and serves all people in the name of Jesus Christ; which is **scripturally faithful**; which seeks to proclaim the Gospel **afresh for each generation**; and which, in the power of the Holy Spirit, allows **all people** to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Jesus Christ



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Readings & Collects

Sunday 5 April – Easter Sunday

Readings Acts 10: 34-43 Colossians 3: 1-4 John 20: 1-18

Collect

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now an in all eternity.
Amen

Sunday 12 April – 2nd Sunday of Easter

Readings Acts 2: 14a, 22-32 1 Peter 1: 3-9 John 20: 19-end

Collect

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

Sunday 19 April – 3rd Sunday of Easter

Readings Acts 2: 14a, 36 – 41 1 Peter 1: 17 – 23 Luke 24: 13-35

Collect

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Sunday 26 April – 4th Sunday of Easter

Readings Acts 2: 42 – end 1 Peter 2: 19 – end John 10: 1 – 10

Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Sunday 3 May – 5th Sunday of Easter

Readings Acts 7: 55 – end 1 Peter 2: 2 – 10 John 14: 1 – 14

Collect

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

and for ever.

Amen

Sunday 10 May – 6th Sunday of Easter

Readings Acts 17: 22 – 31 1 Peter 3: 13 – end John 14: 15 - 21

Collect

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Choral Evensong for Rogation Sunday

Sunday May 10th at 3pm
Chichester Cathedral

Preacher: The Bishop of Lewes

Followed by a reception to celebrate our Eco Church awards.

Refreshments provided.

Bring your certificate or plaque for our display
or a photo/poster of your achievements!



CALENDAR

APRIL

Wednesday 1	10.00 am	Said Eucharist
	10.45 am	Preston Coffee Pot
Thursday 2		MAUNDY THURSDAY
	8.00 pm	The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday <i>followed by Vigil until 10.00pm</i>
Friday 3		GOOD FRIDAY
	3.00 pm	The Liturgy of Good Friday
Saturday 4		HOLY SATURDAY
	8.00 pm	The Easter Liturgy
Sunday 5		EASTER SUNDAY
	8.00 am	Eucharist <i>St Peter's Preston Park</i>
	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist Ministry of Prayer for Healing
Wednesday 8	10.00 am	Said Eucharist
	10.45 am	Preston Coffee Pot
Friday 10	2.00 pm	Friday Club <i>A Life in Television ~ Barry Chaston</i>
Saturday 11	10.00 am	Community Garden Working Party
Sunday 12		BRIGHTON MARATHON
	<u>9.00 am</u>	Said Eucharist
	4.00 pm	Messy Church
Tuesday 14	8.00 am	Morning Prayer

Wednesday 15	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
	10.00 am	Said Eucharist
	10.45 am	Preston Coffee Pot
Thursday 16	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 19	10.00 am	All-Age Worship
Tuesday 21	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 22	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
	10.00 am	Said Eucharist
	10.45 am	Preston Coffee Pot
Thursday 23	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
Friday 24	2.00 pm	Friday Club <i>America ~ Amanda Healey</i>
Saturday 25	10.00 am	Community Garden Working Party
	2.00 pm	Afternoon Tea Quiz
Sunday 26	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist
Tuesday 28	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 29	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
	10.00 am	Said Eucharist
	10.45 am	Preston Coffee Pot
Thursday 30	8.00 am	Morning Prayer

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Sunday 3	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist Ministry of Prayer for Healing
Tuesday 5	8.00 am	Morning Prayer

Wednesday 6	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
	10.00 am	Said Eucharist
	10.45 am	Preston Coffee Pot
Thursday 7	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
	4.00 pm	Messy Church
Friday 8	2.00 pm	Friday Club <i>Brighton in the 20th century all the key events</i> ~ <i>Chris Horlock</i>
Saturday 9	10.00 am	Community Garden Working Party
	11.00 am	Commissioning of Authorised Lay Ministers <i>Chichester Cathedral</i>
Sunday 10	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist
	4.00 pm	Messy Church



UPCOMING

Sunday 17 May
11.30 am

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Saturday 27 June
11.00 am – 2.00 pm
SUMMER FAYRE

More details about these events nearer the time

PRESTON FRIDAY CLUB



Crowhurst Community Centre,
Knogle Road, Brighton BN1 6RB
[behind Knogle Hall]

Alternate Friday afternoons in term time
2.00pm to 4.00pm

Talks, activities, tea & chat with friends



Friday 10 April
A Life in Television ~ Barry Chaston

Friday 24 April
America ~ Amanda Healey

Happily, the Church of England still retains some singular parish clergy. Take the parish of St James-the-Least in the county of C- for example. Here the elderly Anglo-Catholic vicar, Eustace, continues his correspondence to Darren, his nephew, a low-church curate recently ordained...

On the perils of small study groups ...

The Rectory

St James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

So, you are about to run an Alpha course in your parish; I am sure your bishop will be delighted. I remember him from my Oxford days. He was just starting his course as a gangly undergraduate when I was finishing my doctorate on Eusebius.

I recall him as a keen rugby player who took early morning dips in the Isis, who led intense discussions on Saint Paul's theology of 'the body' over cups of cocoa in the evenings in his rooms and who spent his holidays laying paths for the National Trust in the Lake District while lodging in Youth Hostels. He's exactly the sort of person who will empathise with your ministry – hearty, enthusiastic and overflowing with compassionate intensity. We were not close friends.

We tend not to go in for those sort of things, here at St James the Least of All, preferring matters a little more relaxed and understated. If we ever do hold discussion groups (and they are a regrettable necessity during Lent), they always start with a good lunch, finishing with coffee and one of Mrs French's excellent Madeira cakes. Once we have removed from the table, those who manage to stay awake will start to tackle the chosen topic.

However, we always seem to veer off to discussing more interesting matters, such as why Colonel Chorley is never allowed to sing solos in the choir anymore, or who moved Mrs Cholmondeley's flower arrangement from the font the previous week. Apparently, she has given notice that her weekly contributions on the plate will be much reduced unless an appropriate apology is received.

These matters may not seem as important to you as deciding what the 'white stone' in Revelation 4 is all about, but let me assure you that to members of our congregation, knowing why the second verse of the National Anthem is no longer sung at our Remembrance Services is of pivotal importance.

At 2.30pm we wake up those who have enjoyed an hour's slumber and totter off home, knowing we have once again done our bit for faith in the parish.

I am sure your own group will also return home after your sessions - even if a digestive biscuit and weak tea is all that has been offered – invigorated and braced to tackle the heathen in the parish. We all take our pleasures in different ways.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace



What's orange, sticky and worth preserving?

This month sees National Marmalade Week (18th – 25th April). If you really want to celebrate, go to Dalemain Mansion and Gardens in Cumbria, where they hold the World Marmalade Awards & Festival. It celebrates, preserves and promotes artisanal marmalades, with thousands of entries. (Even Paddington Bear will be in attendance!)

If you like marmalade, ever wonder where it comes from? One tradition traces it to a storm-damaged Spanish ship which took refuge in Dundee Harbour in 1700. It was full of Seville oranges that the captain was desperate to sell before they went mouldy. A local down-on-luck merchant, one James Keiller, bought the lot. He didn't know what to do with the oranges either, but fortunately he had a resourceful wife. She set about turning a shipload of Seville oranges into a preserve, and so the first marmalade factory was born.

Marmalade has been at the heart of British breakfasts for centuries. Winston Churchill fought the Second World War on it (washed down with a flute of Pol Roger each morning). DH Lawrence wrote novels on it. Paddington Bear's sandwiches were all marmalade. If you also want to get your fingers sticky, visit: www.marmaladeawards.com.



An April Quiz

- 1 What does the word 'April' mean?
a) Warmth b) Open c) Flower
- 2 Who wrote 'Oh to be in England now that April's there'?
a) Robert Browning b) William Wordsworth c) Alfred Lord Tennyson
and a bonus point if you know the title of the poem
- 3 Which US president was inaugurated on 30 April 1789?
a) Abraham Lincoln b) John Quincy Adams c) George Washington
- 4 Which meteor shower occurs in April?
a) The Perseids b) The Lyrids c) The Geminids
- 5 What tax came in effect on 1 April 1973?
a) Capital Gains Tax b) Value Added Tax (VAT) c) Insurance Premium Tax
- 6 In a famous 'April Fool' in 1957 the BBC broadcast a film showing Swiss farmers picking freshly-grown what?
a) Spaghetti b) Cheese c) Watches
- 7 The modern Olympics opened in 1896 in which city?
a) Athens b) Rome c) Paris
- 8 Which English sailor was knighted by Elizabeth 1 following his circumnavigation of the world?
a) Walter Raleigh b) Francis Drake c) John Hawkins
- 9 In which year was Earth Day celebrated on 22 April for the first time?
a) 1965 b) 1970 c) 1974
- 10 T S Eliot wrote 'April is the month'. What is the missing word?
a) cruellest b) loveliest c) wettest
and another bonus point if you know the title of the poem
- 11 Which canal reopened in 1957 following the 'crisis' of the previous year?
a) Panama b) Suez c) Corinth

- 12 The writer of Jane Eyre was born in April 1816, what is her name?
 a) Emily Bronte b) Charlotte Bronte c) Anne Bronte
- 13 Which of the American founding fathers was born on 13 April 1743?
 a) Thomas Jefferson b) James Madison c) Benjamin Franklin
- 14 8 April is widely celebrated around the world as the birthdate of which religious figure?
 a) Confucius b) Zoroaster c) Buddha
- 15 Who was the first man to go into space on 12 April 1961?
 a) Alan Shephard b) Yuri Gagarin c) Virgil Grissom
- 16 9 April is dedicated to what mythological creature?
 a) Unicorn b) Phoenix c) Griffin
- 17 What famous car did Ford unveil in April 1964?
 a) Model T b) Thunderbird c) Mustang
- 18 'It was a bright cold day in April, and the clocks were striking thirteen.' Which famous book is the first line of?
 a) 1984 b) Brave New World c) Fahrenheit 451
- 19 What is April's birthstone?
 a) Sapphire b) Emerald c) Diamond
- 20 *No multiple choice for this one ...*
 What disaster occurred in the North Atlantic on 14 April 1912?

Can you re-arrange these spring flowers in the right order?

- | | |
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| 21 E I M O P R R S | 26 A C I L L |
| 22 A D D F F I L O | 27 C C O R S U |
| 23 A D I S Y | 28 D N O O P R S W |
| 24 I L P T U | 29 A C H H I N T Y |
| 25 B B E E L L L U | 30 A E E E P S T W [5, 3] |

And the answers to last month's armchair travelling quiz ...

1. In which town is the *National Library of Wales*? a) Aberystwyth
2. *Dunedin* is the Celtic name for which city? d) Edinburgh
3. Near which town would you find "*The Angel of the North*"? a) Gateshead
4. Which monarch granted city status to Cambridge? b) George VI
5. In Cornwall who are referred to as *Emmets*? c) Tourists
6. In which county is *Kinder Scout*, the highest peak in the Peak District?
b) Derbyshire
7. *Rothesay* is the principal town on which Scottish island? b) Bute
8. Where would you find the *Spinnaker Tower*? c) Portsmouth
9. How long do you have to be happily married to be awarded the "*Dunmow Flich*"?
a) A year and a day
10. Which large lake sits in the *centre* of Northern Ireland? d) Lough Neagh
11. Which Cumbrian town hosts one of the oldest horse fairs in the UK?
a) Appleby
12. On which island in *Poole harbour* did Lord Baden-Powell found the Scout Movement?
b) Brownsea Island
13. In which English county is the *Forest of Dean*? a) Gloucestershire
14. Which Prime Minister became the first resident of *Chequers*?
c) David Lloyd George
15. Which is the largest of the *Isles of Scilly*? c) St Mary's
16. Which river does the city of *Manchester* sit on the east bank of? a) Irwell
17. In which Cheshire town is the annual *International Cheese Show* held?
c) Nantwich
18. Which range of hills runs through Buckinghamshire? b) Chilterns

19. In which city was the "*Titanic*" built? b) Belfast
20. Which UK city was called *Eboracum* by the Romans? d) York

As armchair travellers can you unscramble these anagrams to find the names of types of Chair?

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| 21. D A N S E | SEDAN |
| 22. C O I N G R K | ROCKING |
| 23. H A B T | BATH |
| 24. I G H H | HIGH |
| 25. S W O N R I D | WINDSOR |
| 26. P I C M A N G | CAMPING |
| 27. F I F E C O | OFFICE |
| 28. G R I N S U N | NURSING |
| 29. H U S P | PUSH |
| 30. S T O R C R I E D | DIRECTORS |



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In the first book of the Bible, Guinnesses, God got tired of creating the world, so He took the Sabbath off.

Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was Joan of Ark because Noah built an ark. The animals came on in pears.

Moses led the Jews to the Red Sea where they made unleavened bread which is bread without any ingredients.

Tea, Cake & Quiz



Saturday 25 April

2 o'clock in the church

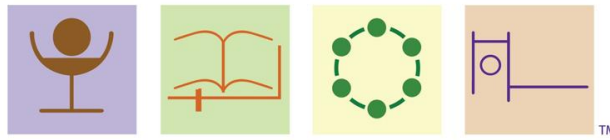


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