

Welcome

To the Benefice of Epperstone, Gonalston, Oxtan & Woodborough

If you are new here in our Churches please introduce yourself.
We pray that God will bless us in our worship together
and warmly welcome you into our communities.

Church Services

Maundy Thursday – 2nd April

7pm Holy Communion Oxtan

Good Friday – 3rd April

7pm Holy Communion Epperstone

Easter Sunday – 5th April

9.30am Holy Communion Woodborough

11am Holy Communion Gonalston

Sunday 12th April

10.30am Holy Communion Oxtan

Wednesday 15th April

12noon Holy Communion Woodborough
& shared lunch

Sunday 19th April

9.30am Morning Prayer Epperstone

Sunday 26th April

10am Holy Communion Woodborough

Annual Parochial Church Meetings

Oxtan 12th April 11.30am

Epperstone 15th April 7.30pm

Woodborough 26th April 11am

Gonalston To be confirmed

THE ARK ON SUNDAY



**CRAFTS AND ACTIVITIES,
FAMILY FUN, FELLOWSHIP,
COFFEE & CROISSANTS.**

1st Sunday of the month
10 am

St Swithun's Woodborough

No Ark in April

Sunday 3rd May

Everyone welcome

For further information contact
Annie Hill
07890 776809



Oxtan Village Hall

**Sunday 12th April
10am-11am**

All children aged 3 years plus
are welcome for games, stories,
activities & a snack together!

For more information contact
Sandra Hall 0115 9653901



St. Swithun's, Woodborough

Easter Play Session

For all the Family

Wednesday 8th April

9.30 – 11am

Play Church

Wednesday 22nd April

9:30 – 11am

Coffee Drop In
at Oxtan Church



Wednesday 22nd April

10.00 – 11.30am

Please come along for a coffee and a
chat... All welcome!

**WOODBOROUGH
COFFEE DROP IN**

1st Wednesday of the month

10am-12pm



**Wednesday 1st April
Wednesday 6th May**

Good Friday Family Activities



3rd April 2.30-4pm

Oxtan Village Hall

the
HAPPINESS
lab

Come and explore what psychologists,
doctors and faith leaders have to say
about happiness

9th, 23rd April

7.15pm for 7.30pm – 9pm

St Swithun's, Woodborough

CHOIR PRACTICE



Holy Cross Church Epperstone
Wednesday evenings 7.30pm

Contact Geoff on 07447 127335
or email at thcnield@outlook.com

Woodborough Church Fellowship

Second Tuesday of the month at The
Institute, Roe Lane

Tuesday 14th April 2-4pm

Plants that Attract Bees
Alex Thompson

Church Contacts

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Benefice Churches of Epperstone
Gonalston Oxton Woodborough

Safeguarding

Our parish is committed to encouraging an environment where everyone, and especially children and those who may be vulnerable for any reason, are able to worship and engage in their faith journey with encouragement and in safety.

If you have concerns about the welfare of anyone please contact:

Susan Wilkes: 07951 143162

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News and Prayers

Would you like to receive our church news and notices by email?



Or join our WhatsApp groups for news and/or prayers?

Please get in touch with Susan on 07951 143162 or email: office.egowbenefice@gmail.com

HELP US FEED THE HUNGRY

ST ANN'S FOOD BANK



We are collecting for St Ann's food bank, who are desperately in need of tinned and dried food and toiletries. Please leave any donations in the trolley in Woodborough Church porch or at the back of Oxton Church for our volunteers to deliver.

Thank you

Donations

If you would like to donate towards the work and upkeep of Woodborough Church, please scan this QR code to be taken to our giving site.



Thank you for your kind donation

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Benefice Newsletter April 2026



Dear Friends,

We have finally had a few nice sunny, warm days without rain. It has been a long, wet winter! What a joy it is to get out in the garden or go for a walk and see the signs of Spring with leaves appearing on the trees and in the hedgerows. What a joy to behold, and it's something that fills us with hope.

Easter will soon be here which will give us a three day period of experiencing different emotions: Good Friday brought suffering, as Jesus died on the cross. Saturday brought silence... a time of loss and mourning. But Sunday brought victory and hope was restored.

Those three days must have tested the disciples beyond measure. Their expectations collapsed. Their courage wavered, and heaven seemed quiet. Yet God was keeping his promise... a promise that on the third day Jesus would rise from the dead and sit at the right hand of his Father in heaven. He died to bring us nearer to God and through that relationship we can live as forgiven people.

John 3:16 "For God so loved the World that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

So let us all celebrate the miracle of Easter, and the beauty of God's Creation. We wish you all a very Blessed Easter.

The Staff Team