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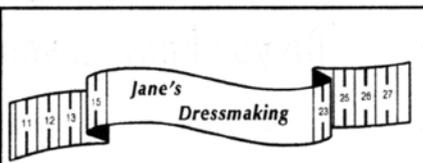


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Christ is Risen!

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Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Hal-
lelujah!

April brings us to Easter – the crucifixion,
death and resurrection of Jesus Christ -
the triumphant highlight of the Christian
year. As St Paul pointed out, unless Jesus
really did rise again, our faith is useless,
and we may as well forget any hope of
heaven or eternal life.

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Mark's Message



As you read this article I will have just been licensed as the new Curate in Charge of St Paul's Dosthill and of The Whitacres, Lea Marston and Shustoke. I would like to thank everyone for the many kind messages welcoming me to my new role. My appointment couldn't have come at a busier time however, whilst we are still in lockdown and just before Palm Sunday, leading into Holy Week and Easter Day.

It was just over a year ago that we started to record online services having struggled with the growing realisation that we were going to have to stop gathering physically for worship in our church building. The 23 March 2021, the one-year anniversary of lockdown, we joined with many others across the country to pause, reflect and remember all those who had lost their lives during the previous year.

On this unusual anniversary a number of thoughts occurred to me:

A great sense of thankfulness, to all involved in keeping our worship and communities going, those who have learnt new skills, those who have remembered and used old skills and those who were generous enough to bear with us when we didn't get things quite right.

A sense of generosity, seen by the many people who have given so much time to others, praying for them, shopping for them, allowing them space but letting them know that they were there for them.

A sense of perseverance, with the nursing, the teaching, the serving, the home schooling. Keeping going when the going was tough and being strong for others.

A sense of loss of family and friends, the loss of familiar things, the loss of close contact with family and friends, and the loss of health. We remember those who have died and those who are struggling to face life.

As Christians, we know that we are loved by God, a love that brings with it the hope of eternal life. We are also filled with hope by the love that we share with others and hope to bring that hope to the world through our ongoing worship, prayers, and our love for all of God's creation.

As we continue to come out of lockdown, perhaps we can consider:

Something new to do
Something to undo
Something to do without

With Blessings, **Mark**

Wardens' Update



We hope you are all well. It is good to see that the vaccine programme is going well and hopefully in the not too distance future, we will all have received at least our first dose and our lives can begin to get back to as near normal as possible.

Some good news that has already been published on Facebook. Mark Waterstreet is going to be made Assistant Curate for Dosthill, the Whitacres, Lea Marston & Shustoke. This will come into effect on April 1st. This was agreed by the PCC at their January meeting and an announcement was made by the Bishop of Birmingham in March. We would like to congratulate Mark on his appointment. We are pleased that Mark will be continuing his Ministry with us. We look forward to supporting him in his Ministry together with his other Churches. He was licensed by Bishop Anne (Bishop of Aston) on Thursday March 24th on Zoom.

When the PCC met on Thursday March 11th it was decided that the Church will be open for worship again on Sunday April 18th. This will be by prior booking and the congregation will have to wear masks and will be socially distanced. Then on June 21st, if the Prime Minister confirms, it might be possible to go to as near to normal as we can. Please check with Facebook or Church notice board for booking details and times of services.

Zoom and the online Evening Prayer will continue during April.

During March the Church held a number of outdoor events.

The first events were held on the weekend of March 13th/14th. On the Saturday, the Youth & Children Group set up their scarecrows of the film Nativity! in the churchyard, as part of the Scarecrow Trail organised by Dosthill W.I. Congratulations to all who made a scarecrow and helped with the setting up. On the following day, Mothering Sunday, daffodils were given out to all who visited the churchyard, reaching out to the wider community. We have received lots of warm comments of appreciation from recipients. Thanks to all who helped prepare and hand out the daffodils.

We joined with the nation on Tuesday March 23rd when a minute's silence was observed, with St. Paul's Church bell being rung to remember all those who have died through Coronavirus.

Then finally on Saturday March 27th the Norman Chapel was open again to receive donations of food for the food bank at Manna house, Glascote and the giving of Palm Crosses. These were also given out in the churchyard on Palm Sunday. Our thanks to Lynn Middleton for organising this event and ensuring the



food was delivered to the food bank, also to Mark and Carolyn for helping on the day. A big thank you for all the donations to the food bank and for the many donations to the Church.

During March we said goodbye to Barbara Shilton who had been a member of our congregation for many years and Maurice Arnold, who wrote the nature page in our church magazine. They will be sadly missed, and their families are in our thoughts and prayers.

Looking forward to Easter Day, we will be holding an outdoor sunrise service at 6 a.m. in the churchyard, with limited numbers, following government guidelines. If you would like to attend this service, please phone Pauline on 01827 250676.

An Easter Day service will also be recorded in Church then streamed online.

Our thanks to Mark for leading the above service, to Carolyn and Joan for assisting and to Simon Gordon for recording it

Please check Facebook and the notice board for the latest news on services and other events.

We wish you all a Peaceful and Happy Easter.

God Bless

Pauline and Roy.

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News & Views



Dosthill WI

On Mothering Sunday weekend, we organised a Scarecrow Trail in Dosthill to help cheer families up during these trying times!

A total of 52 scarecrows of film characters, along with Spring planters, were made by residents and put on display in their front gardens. The Trail was organised instead of the Open Gardens Weekend we usually have (with lots of tea and cake!), but not possible this year due to Covid-19.

Lots of families took a walk around Dosthill to see the displays, in spite of the changeable weather. There were

many smiley faces and photos taken, and everyone was very well behaved, keeping to the Covid guidelines on social distancing.

On the Sunday morning, VIP Judges, Tamworth Borough Councillor and former Leader, Danny Cook and Staffordshire County Councillor, Richard Ford took 2.5 hours and 12,000 steps to decide on the winning scarecrow and planter and both commented what a difficult decision it was to make, as the quality of all the entries was really high. The Wizard of Oz scarecrow, complete with a yellow brick road was declared the overall winner, created by Paul, Nicola and Oscar Rushton.

The winning Spring planter was a colourful display in an old tree trunk in The Broom, planted out by the Dosthill community.

We also organised a competition for people to guess the names of the 52



Sue Hollis with Judges, Councillors Danny Cook and Richard Ford and the winning planter in the foreground.



The winning display of the Wizard of Oz scarecrow with Oscar, Paul and Nicola Rushton.

films that the scarecrow characters were from and the joint winners were Megan and Lillie Vincent from Dosthill, who correctly guessed an amazing 50 films!

A total of £73 was also raised for the RNLI in a collection bucket next to The Storm scarecrow.

We would like to thank everyone who took part, visited and helped us in any way and a massive thank you to Sue Hollis who led on the Trail and lived and breathed it for six weeks!

The Trail will also form part of Dosthill's portfolio for this year's RHS It's Your Neighbourhood Campaign, which may be a digital campaign, depending on how things go with Covid-19 restrictions.

Wishing you all a happy and safe Easter!

STOP PRESS...Watch out for those on our Easter Bunny Trail in Dosthill on 3rd and 4th April 2021! **Julie Ward**

Men's Social Night Virtual Beer Tasting

After 10 months of virtual pub quizzes, we decided to be more ambitious and virtually host a staple part of the Men's Social calendar, the beer tasting evening.

10 thirsty enthusiasts joined in to taste



the 5 beers on offer, scoring them for appearance, nose, after taste and drinkability, sampling a lager, juicy IPA, a bitter, a stout and a golden ale. To accompany the beers we had the usual selection of gourmet cheeses, snacks and some hand made pork pie.

We played a few beer related quiz games between beers, including Play Your Beers Right, Linkee, The (Beer) Price is Right and Family Fortunes. The most popular beer on the night was the local Stirchley Lager from Birmingham Brewing Company. Many thanks to Rob, Mark, Patrick and Ben for their help supporting the evening. **Simon Gordon**



Youth & Children

The Youth and Children's group continue to meet weekly, on a Friday evening, via zoom. They particularly enjoy the 'take-over' nights where the youth and children plan and deliver the meeting (which includes aspects relating to Christian life). Eight families celebrated online Shrove Tuesday together (on-line) with games, pancake tossing, Lent scavenger hunt and watching a You Tube clip about the importance of Lent to Christians. The youth and children were also introduced to St Paul's Lent calendar, for which they are challenged to do a good deed each day during Lent. So far the children have created get well/miss you cards, a thank you banner (which is displayed outside church) and given chocolate away. The other weekend the youth and children took part in Dosthill's Scarecrow festival; again another opportunity for community outreach and share our Christian values.

They are looking forward to when they can meet together again in person.

Sue Blackmore

No Internet? Get church on your phone

If you know people without internet access who would like spiritual support whilst church buildings are closed, please let them know that the Church of England offers a FREE national 'Daily Hope' telephone line at **0800 804 8044**, with music, prayers, reflections, & worship services. **David Biggs.**

Poetry Corner



Time Flies

Time flies, I've heard it said
So treasure every day,
Life's so very precious
Don't let it slip away.

A single day is all we need
To achieve so very much,
Make someone's world a better place
With a kind word or tender touch.

Greet a stranger as a friend
It only takes a while,
To show someone you really care
With just a little smile.

Give a friendly helping hand
Make someone's day feel bright,
Each kind act forming ripples
Flowing out like rings of light.

Spare a thought for those in need
Reach out now, don't delay,
Kind thoughts are never wasted
They're only a heartbeat away.

Share a cup of kindness
And reminisce a while,
With a sprinkling of joy and laughter
The whole world seems to smile.

Lynn's Recipes



As we look back at the past year, there will be many things bad and good to reflect on, one of them will be food. Whether we embraced not being able to go to restaurants and cooked more than we would normally, or whether we ate more takeaways than ever before, whichever it was, we will all look forward to going to a restaurant and having a meal brought to our table by hopefully, friendly staff who will be very pleased to be welcoming us to their establishment, and as from April 12th that can happen legally on an outside service, then as from May 17th all restaurants will be open for inside seating, fingers crossed.

How fantastic will that be!

As we are allowed to have two households meet outside from the 29th March, maybe you will be having Easter lunch in the garden, and if the weather is good enough, you may well have a barbecue. Who knows! Here are some recipes that you may well fancy doing over Easter. Whatever you do I hope you do get to see family and friends (not together though) and reflect on the past year and make plans for the year ahead.

Happy Easter to you all, wishing you love, peace and happiness. Lynn X

I saw this recipe which is quite honestly so indulgent, but if we can't bake this for Easter, after the year we've had then when can we? I'm going to bake it for my family and cut a very large slice just for me.

Easter Nest Cake

For the chocolate sponges

200ml vegetable oil , plus extra for the tin

250g plain flour

6 tbsp cocoa powder

2 tsp baking powder

1 tsp bicarbonate of soda

280g soft light brown sugar

250ml buttermilk

2 tsp vanilla extract

3 large eggs

For the nest

200g marshmallows

100g butter , chopped into chunks

2 tbsp cocoa powder

75g salted pretzels , crushed

4 shredded wheat biscuits , crushed
chocolate eggs, to decorate

For the icing

150g slightly salted butter , softened

2 tbsp cocoa powder

300g icing sugar

4 tbsp milk

1. Heat oven to 180C/160C fan/gas
4. Oil and line two 20cm round cake tins. Add the flour, cocoa powder, baking powder, bicarb, sugar and a large pinch of salt to a bowl. Mix with a whisk, squeezing any large lumps of sugar through your fingers, until you have a fine, sandy mix.



2. Whisk the oil with the buttermilk in a jug. Stir in the vanilla and eggs, then pour the wet ingredients into the dry and mix until there are no more streaks of flour. Divide the mixture between the tins and bake for 25 mins. Test the cakes by inserting a skewer into the centre – if there is any wet mixture on the skewer, return the cakes to the oven for 5 mins more, then check again. Leave the cakes to cool in the tins for 15 mins, then transfer to wire racks to cool fully.
3. Next, make the nest. Clean one tin and line it with some oiled baking parchment. Put the marshmallows and butter in a heatproof bowl and microwave on high for 1 min, stirring halfway through (or heat gently in a pan on the hob). Continue microwaving in 20-second blasts until you get a runny mixture. Stir in the cocoa, pretzels and shredded wheat until well combined. Tip the mixture into your lined tin and use the back of your spoon to create a nest shape. Leave to cool at room temperature for a few hrs, or chill in the fridge if you need it to set faster.
4. To make the icing, beat the butter, cocoa, icing sugar and milk together

until smooth, adding a splash more milk if the mixture is too stiff. Assemble the cake by stacking the sponges with icing in between, topping with more icing and the nest. Fill your nest with as many chocolate eggs as it will hold, then serve. It may be easier to cut the cake if you remove the nest – you can then chop the nest into chunks and serve alongside the cake.

Slow cooker leg of lamb

Lamb seems to be a traditional choice for Easter and this recipe is super easy. Serve with fluffy buttery mash and steamed vegetables. Serves 6

2 tbsp olive oil
 1.3kg boneless leg of lamb , tied
 30g unsalted butter
 2 tbsp plain flour
 300ml lamb stock
 200ml red wine
 2 red onions , cut into wedges
 2 garlic cloves , sliced
 5 sprigs of thyme
 5 sprigs of rosemary

mashed potatoes and steamed veg,
 to serve

1. Heat the oil in a large non-stick frying pan. Add the lamb and brown on each side for 4-5 mins. Set the slow cooker to low. Melt the butter in a saucepan until foaming, then stir through the flour. Whisk in the stock gradually until incorporated, add the wine and bring to the boil. Set aside.
2. Put the onion, garlic, thyme and rosemary into your slow cooker and sit the lamb on top. Pour over the lamb gravy. Put the lid on and cook for 8 hrs or until soft and tender.
3. Remove the lamb and set, covered, on a plate. Strain the liquid into a pan

and simmer until slightly thickened. Serve the lamb thickly sliced or shredded (it'll be quite soft) with your chosen vegetables and delicious gravy.

If you don't have a slow cooker you could cook the lamb in a very low oven for the same amount of time.

Hot cross bun cheesecakes

These taste exactly like hot cross buns.

Serves 6

For the base

150g ginger biscuits

25g sultanas

25g mixed peel

50g butter

½ tsp cinnamon

For the cheesecake filling

280g pack cream cheese

25g caster sugar

1 tsp vanilla extract

½ tsp cinnamon

100g mascarpone

2 eggs, lightly beaten

For the decoration

150g icing sugar

½ orange, zest and juice

1. Heat oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Butter 6 x 150ml capacity ramekins. Place the ginger biscuits in a food processor and blitz until chopped into very small pieces then add the sultanas and mixed peel and blitz again just once or twice to combine.
2. Melt the butter in a pan, then mix in the cinnamon followed by the biscuit mixture. Divide equally between the ramekins, so the base of each is covered with a layer about 1cm thick. Press down a little with the back of a teaspoon then bake them on a tray in the oven for 10 mins until crisp and

golden. Leave to cool, then turn oven down to 150C/130C fan /gas 2.

3. Whisk together all the cheesecake filling ingredients until smooth. Place the ramekins on a baking tray and pour some mixture into each one, filling to about 1cm below the rim. Carefully slide them into the oven and cook for 25-30 mins until just set. The mixture should still be ever so slightly wobbly when gently tapped. Don't worry if it dips a little or cracks. Remove from the oven and leave to cool completely before covering with cling film and putting in the fridge. You can make to this point up to 2 days ahead.
4. To make the decoration, place the icing sugar into a large bowl and add enough orange juice to make a stiff paste. Transfer to a disposable piping bag and snip off the end. Run a small knife around the edge of the cheesecakes and turn them out onto a board so that the biscuit layer is facing upwards. Use the orange icing mixture to pipe a cross on the top of each one then use a cake slice or palette knife to place onto plates then sprinkle with the orange zest before serving.



All in the month of March

It was... 500 years ago, on 27th April 1521 that Ferdinand Magellan, Portuguese explorer who led the first expedition to circumnavigate the earth, died at the hands of natives in the Philippines. He was aged 41.

300 years ago, on 3rd April 1721 that Robert Walpole became the first British Prime Minister.

250 years ago, on 13th April 1771 that Richard Trevithick, British mining engineer and inventor of the first steam locomotive, was born.

125 years ago, from 6th to 15th April 1896 that the first modern Summer Olympic Games were held in Athens. The original Olympics were banned by the Roman Emperor Theodosius (I or II) in either 393 or 426 AD.

95 years ago, on 21st April 1926 that Queen Elizabeth II was born in Mayfair, London. Elizabeth Alexandra Mary Windsor was the first child of the Duke and Duchess of York. Her father became King on the abdication of his brother King Edward VIII in 1936, from which time Elizabeth was the heir presumptive.

90 years ago, on 14th April 1931 that the first edition of the Highway Code was published in the UK.

from Parish Pump

80 years ago, on 12th April 1941 that Bobby Moore, British footballer, was born. He was Captain of the English team that won the 1966 World Cup and died in 1993.

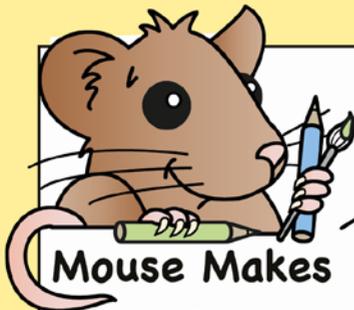
70 years ago, on 17th April 1951 that the Peak District National Park was established. It was Britain's first national park.

50 years ago, on 6th April 1971 that Igor Stravinsky, Russian composer, died. He was one of the most important and influential composers of the 20th century.

30 years ago, on 3rd April 1991 that Graham Greene, novelist, short story writer, playwright and journalist died. Author of Brighton Rock, Our Man in Havana and many more.

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10 years ago, on 29th April 2011 that the wedding of Prince William and Catherine (Kate) Middleton took place at Westminster Abbey in London. They were given the titles the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.



Mouse Makes

Can you find these names of **Jesus** in the word search?

SON OF GOD

Matthew 3:16-17



KING OF KINGS

Revelation 17:14

PROPHET

Luke 24:19



PRIEST

1 Timothy 2:5

ROCK

1 Corinthians 10: 4

LORD

1 Corinthians 1:9

AMEN

Revelation 3:14

LIFE

John 11:25-27

MESSIAH

John 1:41

SHEPHERD

John 10:11

LIGHT

John 8:12



WORD

John 1:1-50



BREAD

John 6:35

CREATOR

1 John 1:3



CHRIST

Matthew 16:16

SAVIOUR

John 3:16-17

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Mark 1:24

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John 15:5



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John 10:9

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March

Funerals

- 3** Elsie Marshall
- 4** Ray Craddock
- 8** Barbara Shilton

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Article submission deadline:

3rd Friday of the month please

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