

## Church Bulletin

St. Mary Magdalene,  
Geddington  
and  
St. Mary the Virgin,  
Weekley



Sunday 3 April 2022 – *The Fifth Sunday of Lent: Passiontide begins*



# Peace be with you



### Services & Events this Week >>>

#### Sunday 3 April

9.45am Said Eucharist (Geddington)  
*A service in church and online* (details to be emailed to all on our list).

11.15am Said Eucharist (Weekley)  
*A service in church*

#### Monday 4 April

9am Noah's Ark pre-school group for children & their carers (Geddington)

#### Thursday 7 April

2pm Lent Course in Church

7pm Lent Course online

#### Friday 8 April

10am Holy Communion (Geddington)  
*This service will also be streamed online via Zoom* (details to be emailed to all on our list).

#### Next Sunday 10 April: Palm Sunday

8am BCP Holy Communion  
*A service in church and online* (details to be emailed to all on our list).

9.45am Family Worship (Geddington)  
*A café-style service in church*

11.15am Morning Prayer (Weekley)  
*A service in church*

### Private Prayer >>>

If you would like to visit church for private prayer or quiet contemplation, please let Rev. Gillian or one of our Churchwardens know.

## Something troubling you? *Confession is good for us all*

*"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."*

1 John 1:9

Most of us know the saying "*confession is good for the soul*". It's not in the Bible, but the principle is a key part of the Christian life and many Bible passages, including the Lord's Prayer itself, stress its importance. So, what and to whom do we confess, and why?

As Christians, we are called to own up to any act (or failure to act) that goes against Christ's teachings, whether big or small in nature. This is one reason why it's so important to study the Bible - so that we are fully aware of what's expected of us.

Our confessions are always made to God, either directly in our private prayers; with a priest (especially when we need guidance on how to atone for what we have done); or in the context of a church service, when we confess our sins as a communal act.

But why do we need to confess? The short answer is so that we may be redeemed: and confession is the first step on that path. The next step is repentance - that is to feel *genuinely* sorry (not just say it). For, without that true feeling of regret, we cannot expect to receive forgiveness - either from God or from those we have wronged. And yet there's even more because, unless we *strive to sin no more*, we will soon make the same mistakes again.

Psychological studies have shown that those who own up and feel sorry for their wrongs benefit mentally from 'catharsis' - a release from repressed emotions. That's a very practical reason for confession - to relieve our stress. Yet it goes much deeper than that. True inner peace - God's peace - only comes with a cleansing of the soul and trying to live our lives as closely as possible to the example that Jesus set. Being human, we always fail, of course. But when we do, confession is the first step back onto the path God wants us to follow.



Revd. Gillian  
Gamble

## Philippians 3.4b–14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup> Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

## John 12.1–8

### The Collect

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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.

### Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

<sup>12</sup> Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup> Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup> But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup> 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' <sup>6</sup> (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup> Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup> You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

# SAVE THE DATE

## St Georges Day ~ Saturday 23rd April 2022



### Ballads of Northamptonshire

Enjoy Champagne, canapes, and an evening concert of music, poetry, and song, in the Great Hall of Boughton House including an opportunity to visit some of the main rooms.

With Kind permission of His Grace, The Duke of Buccleuch.

### All proceeds to the Church Restoration Fund

Tickets are now on sale for the *Ballads of Northamptonshire* evening of poetry and song on Saturday 23 April at Boughton House.

For information and to purchase, go to the *Creative Oundle* website on this link:  
<https://creativeoundle.savoyssystems.co.uk/CreativeOundle.dll/>

If you are unable to use the online booking system, please contact Chris Hills by email at: [chrisshills59@gmail.com](mailto:chrisshills59@gmail.com) or phone 07917 368146.



## Eco Corner



### **Kettering Foodbank**

In 2009 a group of friends discussed the growing need for food support in their local community. In response they started a community foodbank from their homes, providing food to those in need. As awareness and demand grew so did the foodbank, leading to the creation of Kettering Foodbank. First housed at St Jude's and then Alexandra Street before moving to its current home at Unit B, 1 Horsemarket, Kettering.

Kettering Foodbank exists because no one should go hungry. They provide people with food in time of crisis, and help to identify and resolve the underlying issues that cause them to fall into food poverty.

The dedicated team of volunteers give their skills, time and experience to help those in need throughout Kettering and the surrounding villages. They also track usage and donations, to allow them to anticipate demand, best allocate resources and help individuals become less dependent on using foodbanks.

You can support the Foodbank by taking food donations or by giving online:

[Donate Food – Kettering Foodbank](https://www.ketteringfoodbank.org/products/kettering-foodbank-one-off-donation)

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### **Calling all Wombles!**

If you have a passion for the planet, and hate to see litter along the street, please consider joining a **community litter pick**. There is one taking place on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March** meeting at **10 am** at New Road/ Newton Road crossroads. All equipment provided.

Later in the Spring, we are planning a church litter pick / picnic – so will be looking for volunteers to pick litter and/or make cakes and sandwiches. Further details to follow.

If you have ideas and contributions for Eco Corner, please email [njspeed567@gmail.com](mailto:njspeed567@gmail.com)

# FAIR TRADE EASTER EGGS

By shopping Fairtrade chocolate Easter eggs, you're doing your bit for people and the planet – AND spreading the Easter Story!

If you would like to order some, the please contact Margaret Tuffin at...

Email: [margarettuffin05@phonecoop.coop](mailto:margarettuffin05@phonecoop.coop)

Phone: 01536 741292

**The Real Easter Egg Milk Chocolate**  
47424 (150g) £5 | 25710 (6 x 150g) £27

This year's Meaningful Easter Egg comes with a 24-page Easter story-activity book, illustrated by award winning artist, Martina Peluso. The booklet contains the story of the first Easter; the final week of Jesus' life and the events of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. There's even a prize competition worth £200 inside the milk egg!



**The Real Easter Egg Dark Chocolate**  
48808 (180g) £5.95 | 50286 (6 x 180g) £33



**The Real Easter Egg White Chocolate**  
10883 (126g) £5.50 | 10884 (6 x 126g) £30

*Great for Easter egg hunts!*



**The Real Easter Egg Fun Pack**  
40452 (180g) £5

## Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Lutheran Pastor, Martyr, 1945 >>>

This week we remember Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who was born on 4 February 1906 in Breslau, then Germany (now Poland), one of 8 children born to Karl and Paula Bonhoeffer. His father was a psychiatrist and neurologist and his mother was a teacher. Dietrich completed his *Staatsexamen*, the equivalent to a master's degree in the Faculty of Theology at the University of Tübingen. At the age of 21, he completed his Doctor of Theology degree from Humboldt University of Berlin, graduating *summa cum laude* (with the highest praise). Too young to be ordained, in 1930 Dietrich went to New York City's Union Theological Seminary, where his experience with the Abyssinian Baptist Church in Harlem gave him a love for African-American spirituals and a strong sense of social justice – seeing things 'from below' – from the perspective of the oppressed.

Returning to Germany in 1931, Dietrich became a lecturer in systematic theology at the University of Berlin. Deeply interested in ecumenism, he was appointed by the *World Alliance for Promoting International Friendship through the Churches* as one of its three European youth secretaries. In 1931, at the age of 25, he was ordained at St. Matthew in Berlin-Tiergarten. This promising career changed dramatically when the Nazis came to power in 1933. Dietrich was a determined opponent of the regime from the start. Two days after Hitler became Chancellor, he gave a radio address in which he attacked Hitler and warned Germany against slipping into an idolatrous cult of the *Führer* (leader). Soon after, he raised the first voice for church resistance to Hitler's persecution of Jews.

Offered a parish in Berlin in late 1933, Dietrich refused it in protest at nationalist policies, and accepted an appointment as a pastor of two German-speaking Protestant churches at Sydenham and Whitechapel in London, where he sought to rally opinion in support of the *Confessing Church*, which rejected Nazification of the Church. Returning to Germany in 1935, Dietrich became the head of an underground seminary in Finkenwalde for training dissenting pastors, but in 1936 he was denounced as a "pacifist and enemy of the state" and his authorisation to teach at the University of Berlin was revoked. In 1937 Himmler decreed the education of *Confessing Church* ministry candidates illegal and the Gestapo closed the seminary at Finkenwalde. Around this time, Dietrich published *The Cost of Discipleship*, a study on the Sermon on the Mount. Central to his theology is Christ, in whom God and the world are reconciled. Dietrich's God is a suffering God, whose manifestation is found in this worldliness. In 1938, the Gestapo banned Dietrich from Berlin and he spent the next two years secretly travelling from one village to another to conduct "seminary on the run". He also made initial contact with a group seeking Hitler's overthrow at the Abwehr, the German military intelligence service. Despite harassment by the Nazi authorities, his brother-in-law helped Dietrich to join the Abwehr, claiming his ecumenical contacts would be useful to Germany. Using this cover, he served as a courier for the German resistance movement to contact the allies and garner their support. He also helped many Jews to escape to Switzerland. During this time he worked on *Ethics* (intended to be his master work) but it remained unfinished when, in April 1943, he and his brother-in-law were arrested and imprisoned.

For 18 months, Dietrich was held at Tegel Prison where sympathetic guards helped smuggle his letters out of prison, and these were published posthumously in *Letters and Papers from Prison*. After the failure of the 20 July Plot on Hitler's life in 1944 and the discovery of secret Abwehr documents, Dietrich was accused of association with the conspirators and transferred to a high-security Gestapo prison. In February 1945, he was secretly moved to Buchenwald, and finally to Flossenbürg concentration camp. On 4 April 1945, the diaries of Admiral Wilhelm Canaris, head of the Abwehr, were discovered, and in a rage upon reading them, Hitler ordered that the Abwehr conspirators be killed. Dietrich was led away just as he concluded Sunday service and, on 8 April, he was sentenced to death and hanged with six others at dawn the following day.

Bonhoeffer's life as a pastor and theologian of great intellect and spirituality who lived as he preached – and his martyrdom because of his opposition to Nazism – exerted great influence and inspiration for many Christians, such as Martin Luther King Jr. and the Civil Rights Movement in the US, and the anti-communist democratic movement in Eastern Europe during the Cold War. The *Deutsche Evangelische Kirche* in Sydenham, London, where he preached from 1933-35, was bombed in 1944. A replacement church was built in 1958 and named *Dietrich-Bonhoeffer-Kirche* in his honour. Dietrich Bonhoeffer is remembered in the Church of England with a commemoration on 9 April.

## JILL's MARMALADE

Following in the great tradition set by Margaret Stafford and Margaret Baker, Jill Bevitt is now making and selling delicious orange marmalade in aid of Geddington church funds.

You'll find these tempting jars (please return after use) in the church.

**Giving via Direct Debit:** You can now give regularly to the Church via Direct Debit. This is far more convenient than giving cash or cheques and also helps the church by cutting out a lot of work for our volunteers. Interested? You can sign up directly via one of the following links:

[Geddington St Mary Magdalene - Parish Giving Scheme](#)

[Weekley St Mary - Parish Giving Scheme](#)

Or - please contact a churchwarden, or email [geddingtonweekley@gmail.com](mailto:geddingtonweekley@gmail.com)

**Giving Online:** if you are able, you can also make **extra online donations** when convenient to you (details below). [Thank you.](#)

**Online BACS transfers** can be made using these details:

	Geddington	Weekley
		The Vicar &
Account	St. Mary	Churchwardens
Name:	Geddington	of Weekley
		Church
Sort		
Code:	40-52-40	53-61-33
Account		
No.:	00016575	00716626

**Donations via PayPal** can be made to both churches at - [www.geddingtonweekleychurch.org.uk/index.php/our-church-families/giving-donations](http://www.geddingtonweekleychurch.org.uk/index.php/our-church-families/giving-donations).

**Easy Fundraising:** if you shop online, you can raise funds for your church at the same time as retailers donate a % of the price to us. Both our churches are registered at - [www.easypfundraising.com](http://www.easypfundraising.com) – please check it out

## BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

The Geddington Book of Remembrance is now available for commemorations. If you wish to remember a loved one in this way you can pick up a brochure and application form at the back of the church.

If you have any queries, please contact Penny Griffin - [pjgriffin101@gmail.com](mailto:pjgriffin101@gmail.com)



# Spiritual Help...

Our Churches are continuing to keep in touch and provide spiritual support for our congregations. Please do call one another on the telephone - each member of the church should bring comfort and succour to one another.

If you would like prayers said for yourself or a loved one or you have need of spiritual support, please do get in touch with Rev. Gillian or one of our Lay Ministers, Penny Griffin or Valerie Peel – see contact details opposite.



## Next Sunday's readings:

To deepen your faith through biblical reflection, why not prepare for next Sunday's service by reflecting on the Lectionary readings set:

### Liturgy of the Palms:

- Luke 19.28–40
- Psalm 118.1–2, 19–29\*

### Liturgy of the Passion:

- Isaiah 50.4–9a
- Psalm 31.9–16\*
- Philippians 2.5–11
- Luke 22.14 – 23.56 or Luke 23.1–49



## A reflection:

*"Out of suffering have emerged the strongest souls;  
the most massive characters are seared with scars."*  
Khalil Gibran

## Please pray for....



June

Jon

Linda

Doug

Brian

Sandra

Sonia

Michael

Paul

Mark and Family

Christopher (Kit)

and for the peaceful repose  
of the soul of Sylvia Proctor

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[facebook.com/StMaryMagdalenechurch](https://facebook.com/StMaryMagdalenechurch)

# Practical Help...

**Geddington Support Group** offers practical help with shopping, prescriptions and other urgent needs to people living in our two parishes. If you need details, let Rev. Gillian, a Churchwarden, Penny Griffin or Valerie Peel know.

**North Northamptonshire Council**, in partnership with the NHS and others, is coordinating help for our most vulnerable people in the Covid-19 crisis. If you, or someone you know, needs help, call the support line on 0300 126 3000, or email [isoas@northnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:isoas@northnorthants.gov.uk) to request help.

**Food Bank:** you can find details of how to donate to Kettering Food Bank at: [www.ketteringfoodbank.org/](http://www.ketteringfoodbank.org/) or call 07961 474638

## Who We Are:

St Mary Magdalene, Geddington and St Mary the Virgin, Weekley are part of the Church of England in the Diocese of Peterborough. We worship God in both modern and ancient Anglican tradition; and every week we normally offer a wide range of services and social events for all ages and preferences. We extend a special welcome to all who are single, married, divorced, widowed, gay, confused, rich or poor; and children of all ages are always welcome.

