

IN TOUCH

Magazine of the Hanley Team Ministry



APRIL 2026

APRIL DIARY

Events in bold take place each week but check with organisers

Mondays	Cobridge Kiddies	Christ Church	10.00
Tuesdays	Lunch Club	Christ Church	12.00
Wednesdays	Places of Welcome	St. Luke's	08.30
	Open Door	St. Mark's	09.30-13.30
	'Drop-In'	Christ Church	10.00
	Baby & Toddler Group	St. Luke's	13.00
	Over 55s	St. Matthew's	13.30
Thursdays	Place of Welcome	St. Mark's	08.30
	Alpha Course	St. Mark's	12.00
Fridays	Open Door	St. Mark's	09.30-12
Last Sunday	Bubble Church	St. Luke's	15.00

Monday 13	Schools re-open following the Easter break		
Saturday 11	Coffee Morning	Holy Trinity	11.00
Saturday 18	Coffee Morning	St. Matthew's	10.00
Sunday 19	Evensong	Holy Trinity	16.00

SUNDAY READINGS IN APRIL

5th.	EASTER DAY		
	Exodus 14: 10-31	Acts 10: 34-43	John 20: 1-18 Or Matt. 28: 1-10
12th.	The Second Sunday of Easter		
	Acts 2: 14a, 22-32	1 Peter 1: 3-9	John 20: 19-31
19th.	The Third Sunday of Easter		
	Acts 2: 14a, 36-41	1 Peter 1: 17-23	Luke 24: 13-35
26th.	The Fourth Sunday of Easter		
	Acts 2: 42-47 (Or Gen: 7)	1 Peter 2: 19-25	John 10: 1-10
OR	Mark The Evangelist (From 25 April)		
	Prov. 15: 28-33	Eph. 4: 7-16	Mark 13: 5-13
	Or Acts 15: 35-41		

RESURRECTION LIFE

Roy Shaw

Did you have 'a good Lent'? Were you able to make the journey with Jesus through the turmoil of those last days of His earthly ministry as He set His face to go to Jerusalem, knowing He would be killed there? I find the Lenten journey, particularly Holy Week, harrowing, and by three o'clock on Good Friday - the hour at which Jesus traditionally died - I am wrung out.

All of which makes Easter Day and the weeks that follow, with the joy and reality of new life, so much the sweeter. No wonder Christians make this the most important day of the year - much more so than Christmas. God, in the resurrection of Jesus, has vindicated the way of love, truth, sacrifice and service, kindness and hope over the self-serving and grubby ways that seek power, self-advancement, privilege, hatred and division. Hallelujah!

It's all summed up in the poem 'Easter Wings' by the 17th century poet and priest George Herbert. For me, it's not the words of the poem so much as its shape - it's written in the shape of a butterfly's wings. Now that's clever; - to let both shape and words express something lovely, like the freedom and beauty of a butterfly on the wing. That sums up Resurrection life.

We are not asked to explain how the Resurrection took place, but we are invited to live it - yes, live the Resurrection in ourselves - as we ask the Risen Lord to lead us through each day. In time, this constant invitation to live out the Resurrection changes our whole being, as we try, in the words of Mother Teresa to 'do little things with great love.'

Enjoy your Easter eggs, your Easter bonnets; in fact, have a great Easter. But don't let the Resurrection pass you by. It's the gateway to what Jesus calls 'life in all its fulness'.

Revd Roy Shaw is a retired but active priest in the diocese of York, where he is a spiritual director.

Hope For The Future

Rev. Charles Dale – Uttoxeter

Charles ministers in the Uttoxeter group of parishes which, like the Hanley Team, is going through a vacancy and discernment process

The natural world is waking from its winter sleep with renewed signs of life and vigour all around, promising hope for a good harvest and for the future, a sort of crossroad time for nature. This month sees the Easter celebrations quite early on in the month. It is a time of celebrating new life and hope as we recall and give thanks for the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

During Lent, some of us have been using the *Wild Bright Hope* Lent Book, which focuses on a more hopeful perspective to our Christian life. One of the contributors writes about the feeling that the Church of England is at a crossroad and of the choices that need to be made to take the right direction of travel for the future, likening it to the image of the cross of Christ and of his passion and death.

Crossroads are places of discernment and decision-making in seeking the right way forward in getting where we want to be, or more appropriately where God wants us to be. Sometimes this can be a painful and difficult experience and there can be feelings of hopelessness and loss. Alternatively, crossroads can lead us to positive change and transformative experiences, bringing bright hope for the future. One theologian described hope as an active force that drives us towards the future not yet realised but promised by God and that to be a Christian means being a prisoner to hope (Jugen Moltmann).

St. Paul writes in his letter to the Romans that 'hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts.' I pray that we may find hope and love through God this Easter time as we journey with the risen Christ, not only in our personal lives but in our parishes, too.

Blessings
Charles (PTO – Uttoxeter Area)

POETRY CORNERS

Spring Breakfast Choir in Birches Head

Geese in formation over feeding stations
announce the songsters' display;
I gaze with my mix of berries and 'bix,
and first caffeine fix of the day.

Blackbirds trill sweetly the tenor line,
a caw-us of Crows lows the bass,
alto Tits flit about hanging fat bits,
Jazzy Robins swing on both trays.

Wind Wood Pigeons simply coo, unseen,
too modestly courting to intervene;
House Martins and Swifts give an aerial twist,
sunlightly - kissed, like golden harpists.

From rooftops, applause from silky Jackdaws
attracted in pairs by the sound,
whilst crows in disguise, thieving Magpies,
swoop down, hop, and scoop from the ground.

From nowhere, a Squirrel leaps down from the fence,
the music stops, for a moment it's tense;
there's no time to stay, bulging cheeks seem to say,
and off she scurries back to her drey.

The birdsong continues, Cats cause no alarm;
like Owls of the night,
they are content from first light,
to doze somewhere cosy and warm.

Can you compose words
of prose with a runny nose?
Haiku! All

f all

down

Sharing Older Life

*Why not together?
They ask everywhere.*

*'Come wind, come
weather,
you were always a
pair'*

*'Now she's out, when
you're in
and she's in when
you're out
Now, what is that all
about?'*

*'The reason is simple,'
I reply.
'In brief,
when I'm out
and she's in,
it's my turn for the
teeth.'*



The Road to Emmaus Never Far Away How the risen Christ reveals himself to us

We can only imagine how the two travellers to Emmaus felt, knowing that Jesus had died. Gone were their hopes for a bright future. They thought God had let them down. They had suffered a cruel blow and were bewildered and upset.

In their grief, the risen Jesus came alongside them and spoke with them at length, but somehow, they didn't recognise him. Why was this, and why did Jesus intend to leave them at Emmaus without first revealing who he was?

The answers may be found by looking back at the encounters Jesus had with people. He never forced his true nature onto anyone. Every individual had to make up their own mind as to who he was, and to decide if the things he said were true.

Today, Jesus does not 'gate-crash' into our lives. In a number of ways, he gently and persuasively reveals himself. So, the story of the walk to Emmaus should encourage us each time we feel his absence; at those times when we thought he would step in and immediately solve our problems! On *our* journey of life, we can have times of sadness, and it can seem as though God is far away.

But while we are thinking that Jesus has left us alone, he is actually with us. He knows where we are and what we are feeling. He can quietly draw alongside us. Surprisingly, it can sometimes be in situations of sadness and solitude that Jesus 'speaks' to us more clearly.

We don't have to go off in search of some 'religious experience' or to a special 'holy place'. He is present in the here and now. Jesus is the unseen companion on every journey and the unseen guest at every meal.

In his way and in his time, our Lord reveals himself to us in different situations. We may be aware of his presence in surprising circumstances and on unexpected occasions. How important it is that we stay alert. There will be times when we will be like those two men on the Emmaus Road, searching for answers. We will earnestly desire clear and direct answers to our questions and the knowledge, understanding or revelation may be slow to come. But, with Jesus, there are many lessons to be learnt along *our* Emmaus Road that would not have been discovered any other way.

Lester Amann

Breakfast – with Jesus Christ

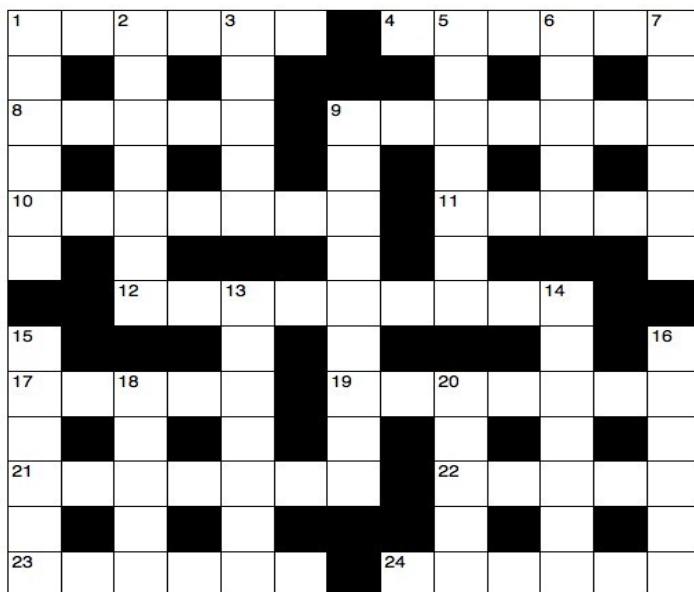
“It is the Lord!” (*John 21:7*) There is something very reassuring in the simple scene by Galilee’s lake, described on that post-Easter morning. Was there ever a breakfast like it? They’d been fishing all night, but in vain.... until they heard a distant call from the shore. That Stranger. That voice! 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.

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? The power that brings forgiveness and resurrection life can only come from one source! Whose flock, but Christ’s flock? ‘MY lambs... MY sheep’ Can you smell the 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.”

Parish Pump

APRIL CROSSWORD



Across

- 1 Relating to the whole universe (6)
- 4 The disciple who made the remark in 8 Across (John 20:24) (6)
- 8 'Unless I see the nail marks — — hands, I will not believe it' (John 20:25) (2,3)
- 9 He urged King Jehoiakim not to burn the scroll containing Jeremiah's message (Jeremiah 36:25) (7)
- 10 Baptist minister and controversial founder of America's Moral Majority, Jerry — (7)
- 11 'Look, here is — . Why shouldn't I be baptized?' (Acts 8:36) (5)
- 12 Repossessed (Genesis 14:16) (9)
- 17 Port from which Paul sailed on his last journey to Rome (Acts 27:3–4) (5)
- 19 'Moses was not aware that his face was — because he had spoken with the Lord' (Exodus 34:29) (7)
- 21 Roonwit, C.S. Lewis's half-man, half-horse (7)
- 22 Grill (Luke 24:42) (5)
- 23 'The lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the — apostles' (Acts 1:26) (6)
- 24 'I was sick and you looked after me, I was in — and you came to visit me' (Matthew 25:36) (6)

Down

- 1 Coastal rockfaces (Psalm 141:6) (6)
- 2 Academic (1 Corinthians 1:20) (7)
- 3 Publish (Daniel 6:26) (5)
- 5 For example, the Crusades (4,3)
- 6 11 Across is certainly this (5)
- 7 He reps (anag.) (6)
- 9 Liberator (Psalm 18:2) (9)
- 13 Man who asked the question in 11 Across was in charge of all her treasury (Acts 8:27) (7)
- 14 They must be 'worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine' (1 Timothy 3:8) (7)
- 15 The human mind or soul (6)
- 16 'O Lord, while precious children starve, the tools of war increase; their bread is — ' (Graham Kendrick) (6)
- 18 'We played the flute for you, and you did not — ' (Matthew 11:17) (5)
- 20 Bared (anag.) (5)

SPOT THE DIFFERENCES

There are 10 differences between these two Easter Bunny Pictures





Bishop Michael

has announced his retirement from the end of September. He did so on St. Chad's Day at Lichfield Cathedral.

St. Chad was the first Bishop of Lichfield. Chad had been a pupil of Aidan who had established Christianity within Northumbria during the reign of

King Oswald (634-642). Chad's ministry in overseeing the formation of Lichfield as an ecclesiastical centre was described by the historian Bede as *'following in the pattern of Aidan, travelling from town to town, preaching and praying zealously among the people he served.'* Bishop Michael (pictured here behind other diocesan bishops at the St. Chad's Day service on 2 March) has sought in his ministry to follow in the footsteps of St. Chad.

Grandma's Pantry

Local historian Mervyn Edwards entertained an audience at Christ Church, Cobridge, with a talk about the items that could be found in his grandma's pantry



when he was growing up in the 1950s and 1960s. Who remembers Omo and Daz, cleaning front doorsteps, England's Glory matches, Camp Coffee and Spam? Just a few of the items whose origins and stories Mervyn explained with interest and humour. Funds were raised for Christ Church and towards a defibrillator in the community.



120 pupils from Hanley St. Luke's CofE Academy attended the midweek Eucharist at St. Luke's Church during the fourth week of Lent.



NORMAN TATTON

29 October, 1935 – 17 February, 2026

Mary Chanot and Mike Hampton remember a long-serving member of St. Luke's Church and School and of the Hanley Team Ministry

Mary Chanot writes: 'Like many people, I was saddened to hear about Norman's death a few weeks ago.

I have many memories of Norman from the time when I started going to St. Luke's in 2001 right through to now.

I can remember him being quite gruff but with a generous heart for people and love for his family. He was dedicated to serving St Luke's Church and the Hanley Team over many years, including being a chorister, a church warden alongside his wife June and both Parish Warden and Parish Treasurer for a considerable period of time.

Norman was so helpful to me on many occasions, particularly when I started leading services. We had a great time at our church fayres when he would be the dispenser of the float. He had such a sparkle and wit. May he now rest in peace with June, to whom he was devoted, and rise in glory.'

Mike Hampton was the Head Teacher at St. Luke's School when Norman served on the governing body. He said: 'Norman took on the responsibility of looking after the governors' accounts. He was accurate to the penny and difficult to extract money from!

I remember teasing him on many occasions about the tight rein he held on the governors' finances. He always enjoyed the banter and responded with laughter.'

Sometimes you learn something new about people at their funeral. I had not known that, at one time, Norman had represented the County at table tennis. Ed.

ST. JAMES THE LEAST OF ALL

Uncle Eustace is incumbent in the small parish of St James-the-Least-of All, somewhere in Very Rural England. Eustace despairs of his nephew, Darren, who has become an evangelical curate in a busy urban parish... and so he writes letters, to try and properly 'educate' Darren in how to run a parish. The Revd Dr Gary Bowness continues his tongue-in-cheek letters from 'Uncle Eustace'...

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

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTION AT CHRIST CHURCH



Strings and Sunshine Ukulele Band
Saturday 30th May
7.00 p.m.
Tickets £9
Raffle, Light refreshments

NATURE NOTES

Early Butterflies

Harriet Carty, Diocesan Churchyard Environmental Adviser

April is a lovely month to start searching for butterflies as quite a few of those which are often seen in churchyards, chapel yards or cemeteries are on the wing by now.

Some species emerge from overwintering as adults, often looking a bit faded and battered; you'll need to wait until summer to see the newly emerged, resplendent adults. You may find Peacocks and Red Admirals, feeding on flowers prior to egg-laying. Both of these spectacular butterflies lay eggs on nettles.

Look for the Comma, with its distinctive wing shape, its upper wings coloured orange with black markings whilst its underwings, visible when closed, are well camouflaged to disappear amongst dead leaves. Comma caterpillars also feed on nettles.

Another butterfly that overwinters is the Brimstone, the male showing a characteristic yellow colour, the female more of a pale greenish yellow. It is thought the name butterfly comes from this species – a butter-coloured fly!

Other butterflies start emerging from pupation in April. These will look smart compared to those that have over-wintered, with bright colours and their wings unbattered, at least at first. Have a look for the Holly Blue, known as the churchyard butterfly. This delicate blue butterfly will be seen in tree canopies, so you'll need to look up! Four species from the same family, the Whites and Yellows can be seen, green-veined white, large white, small white and orange tip. Both small and large whites are nicknamed 'cabbage whites' by gardeners as their caterpillars can devour both brassicas and nasturtiums. The green-veined white is less of a villain for gardeners; its caterpillars, like that of the Orange Tip, feed on a variety of wild plants, including cuckoo-flower, hedge mustard and garlic mustard.

Burial grounds are usually a mix of shady woodland areas and sunny grassland, and the butterflies found there reflect both habitats and in particular the scrubby edges between them that contain coarse grasses, shrubs, nettles and brambles. Look for Speckled Wood emerging in April; its caterpillars feed on coarse grasses.

If you'd like to encourage butterflies then leave some nettles in full sun. Whilst you may not wish to encourage nettles, is there a place where they already occur? When planting trees, shrubs or flowers please use native species and include buckthorn or alder buckthorn, both food plants of the Brimstone. Perhaps most importantly, allow some areas to be a little bit scruffy, particularly over winter. Leave some rough vegetation and dead stems as well as piles of autumn leaves, until all creatures that have been sheltering, hibernating and pupating have emerged into the spring sunshine.

Harriet

- **What's orange, sticky and worth preserving**

This month sees National Marmalade Week (18th – 25th April). Dalemain Mansion and Gardens in Cumbria will hold the World Marmalade Awards & Festival which celebrates, preserves and promotes artisanal marmalades, with thousands of entries. Paddington Bear will be in attendance!

- **April anniversaries include:**

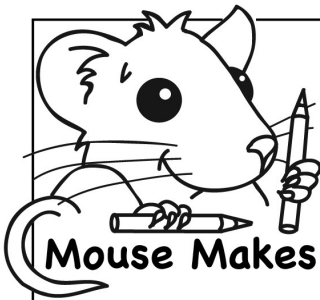
100 years ago, on 21st April 1926 birth of Queen Elizabeth II

75 years ago, on 17th April 1951 establishment of the Peak District National Park, Britain's first National Park.

50 years ago, on 3rd April 1976 the UK won the 1976 Eurovision Song Contest with *Save Your Kisses for Me* by Brotherhood of Man.

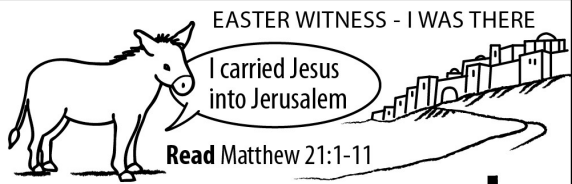
- **Sub-Editor having a laugh?** *From The Church Times* 13 March:

'Hereditary peers to expire in the Lords'



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EASTER WITNESS - I WAS THERE

I carried Jesus into Jerusalem

Read Matthew 21:1-11



I handed Jesus over to be crucified

Read Matthew 27:11-26



I nailed Jesus to the cross

Read Mark 15:16-32



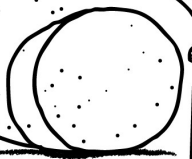
We watched Jesus die

Read Mark 15:33-41

I laid his body in my tomb



Read Mark 15:42-47



I guarded the tomb

Read Matthew 27:62-66

We saw the empty tomb

Read Matthew 28:1-10



and spoke to the angel

Jesus is alive!
He ate a meal with me!



Read Luke 24:13-35

LESSER KNOWN SAINTS

MELLITUS

24 April

Our present bishops have big troubles within the Church. Mellitus had big troubles outside the Church. It all began quietly enough in Rome, where Mellitus was born into a noble family, and became abbot of a monastic community.

In 601 Pope Gregory the Great sent him to help Augustine, who had arrived in Canterbury in 597.

In 604/5, Augustine consecrated Mellitus to be first Bishop of the East Saxons. Mellitus settled in the capital, Londinium (London), and his wooden cathedral stood on the site of what is now St Paul's. Mellitus began to evangelise but struggled to make any progress. The Anglo Saxons were very attached to their pagan temples and celebrations.

Then Pope Gregory had an inspiration: he told Mellitus not to destroy the pagan temples and banish the pagan feasts. Instead, he should *adapt* them. So, Mellitus simply cleansed the Saxon temples and removed the Saxon idols. He then re-dedicated the buildings to God and re-directed the pagan Saxon feasts towards Christian feast days. Bede reports that Pope Gregory had reasoned: "If the people are allowed some worldly pleasures ... they will more readily come to desire the joys of the Spirit." The Pope was right – the new approach certainly transformed and spread missionary endeavour throughout the Saxon kingdom.

But then, in 616, Kent and the East Saxons had two new kings. These new rulers reverted to paganism but demanded that Mellitus still give them the Eucharist. Mellitus refused, was banished, and then fled to Gaul for safety.

When it was safe to return, he got as far as Canterbury, where in 619 he was chosen to be the third Archbishop of Canterbury.

Parish Pump

BACK PEW Easter and what followed

*'April is the cruellest month, breeding Lilacs out of the dead land,
mixing Memory and desire, stirring Dull roots with spring rain.'*

T.S. Eliot's line from *The Waste Land* sounds depressing because it reverses expectations of memory, re-birth and hope. But Lenten days are over. For Christians, with April comes Easter when people think afresh of long days, sunshine, holidays. The hope of new life springing from the Resurrection is expressed in our magazine articles this month.

I find the same problem with Easter as I do with Christmas. Both are seasons within the Church's year but both are over too quickly in the popular imagination and I think this is one reason our lives seem to speed up and away. You may hear *'Did you have a nice Easter?'* a few days after the great day, even though the Easter season lasts for fifty days.

There is a striking difference between the ways we mark our experiences of Lent and Easter. I don't recall attending an Easter course or taking up something for Easter. Perhaps Eliot was right, we tend to prefer our more melancholic observances.

In addition to the biblical accounts, however, there is also a lot of poetry and art about Easter being a journey into joy and, as with other seasons, the combination of poetry and music can be particularly powerful. There are also positive descriptions of nature, when the land awakens with light and warmth. Ronald Blythe, who contributed a weekly *'Word from Wormingford'* column in the *Church Times* for many years, once described an April scene from the perspective of the country as follows: *'Easter lilies are trumpeting in freezing churches, good for at least a month...On the farm both the corn and the "rubbish", i.e. all the wild and lovely things, are springing up... in the great ditch, there are wild garlic, dog's mercury, and bluebell stubs all over again.'*

However we might view the rhythm of nature, and aside from our liturgical calendar, we give thanks that the blessings of Easter and what followed are not so much seasonal as timeless.

A Prayer for the mission and ministry of the Church in this City

Lord of the Church,
thank you for your presence in the centre of Stoke-on-Trent.
We acknowledge the fragility of our current situation.
We open ourselves to the new thing you would do in us
and through us.
We seek your guidance and way forward.
Deliver us from evil.
Bless this region, our structures and networks,
that alongside all people of good will
we may play our part in your kingdom
in the name of Jesus Christ
in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

A Prayer for a new Rector

God our Father,
you are all knowing.
God of all creation and life,
you know the needs of your Church in the Hanley Team.
In this time of seeking and praying for a new Rector, we pray for you to
place this calling within the heart of the servant you have chosen.
You alone know the plans you have for your Church in Hanley.
We ask the Holy Spirit to guide us and give us discernment to know the
person you have chosen.
We ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

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SERVICES

Holy Communion Sundays:	09.30	Christ Church, Cobridge
	11.00	Holy Trinity Church, Northwood
	10.00	St. Mark's Church, Shelton (First & Fifth Sundays, other Sundays Morning Worship)
Evensong	16.00	Holy Trinity (monthly)
Bubble Church	15.00	St. Luke's Church (Last Sunday of the month)
Tuesdays	10.00	St. Matthew's, Birches Head
Wednesdays	11.00	St. Luke's, Wellington
Thursdays:		
Service of The Word	10.00	Christ Church, Cobridge

Whilst the Rectorship is 'in vacancy', services will be co-ordinated by members of the laity in conjunction with available clergy.

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