

Wimbish Church Newsletter



April/May 2026



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**Wimbish and Debden Parish Churches
Church Services and Events in April/May 2026**

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All Saints, Wimbish

Thursday 2nd April: Maundy Thursday

7.30 pm Agape Supper at St Paul's Mission Hall

Friday 3rd April: Good Friday

2.00 pm Hour at the cross

Sunday 5th April: Easter Day

10.30 am Easter Day Service with Holy Communion

Sunday 19th April: Easter 3

10.30 am Holy Communion with prayers for healing.

Sunday 3rd May: Easter 5

9.30 am Village Worship (Coffee served after service)

Sunday 17th May: Easter 7

10.30 am Holy Communion

St Mary The Virgin, Debden

Friday 3rd April: Good Friday

10.00 am Stations of the Cross

Sunday 5th April: Easter Day

9.00 am Easter Day Service with Holy Communion

Sunday 26th April: Easter 4

9.00 am Parish Praise

Sunday 10th May: Easter 6

9.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 24th May: Pentecost

4.00 pm Pentecost Praise Service

St Mary's, Saffron Walden

Sunday 31st May: Trinity Sunday

10.30 am Deanery service St Marys Saffron Walden

Wimbish Parish Church, Off Maple Lane, CB10 2XG

St Paul's Mission Hall, Wimbish Tye Green, CB10 2XE (next to Wimbish School)

Debden Parish Church, Church Lane, CB11 3LD

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LETTER FROM THE RECTORY:

April always feels like a month that leans toward the light. The days stretch out almost without our noticing, the sun lingers a little longer on the fields, and even the shadows seem softer than they were a few weeks ago. After the long and extremely wet months of winter, this slow return of light is something many of us welcome with a deep, almost physical relief. We are, after all, people of light.

And yet this year, as we turn towards spring, we do so with the awareness that much of our world still sits in deep shadow. The recent violence in the Middle East, with bombings and fear touching so many lives, has cast a darkness that feels close even from far away. The suffering of ordinary families and many others caught in the widening circle of conflict—reminds us how fragile peace is, and how easily the world can feel overwhelmed by grief and uncertainty. It is into this very kind of darkness that Easter speaks its clearest word.

This season of Easter carries the echo of resurrection. The resurrection is not just a moment in the Christian story; it is a light that keeps widening, keeps reaching into the corners of our lives long after the Easter services have ended. The first disciples didn't grasp everything at once. They lived for a while in that strange mixture of joy, uncertainty, and dawning hope. Something had changed—something extraordinary—but they were still learning how to walk in this new light.

In many ways, we do the same. We carry Easter with us into ordinary days: into school runs, work routines, hospital appointments, quiet evenings, and busy weekends. The light of resurrection doesn't erase the challenges we face, nor does it ignore the pain of a world at war. But it does change how we meet these realities. It reminds us that darkness never has the final word. It invites us to look again—to notice signs of life where we thought there was none, to trust that God is at work even when we cannot yet see the full picture.

Amid all the chaos in this world, closer to home our hearts can be lifted when we see the signs of returning light: in the hedgerows turning green, in the birdsong that greets us earlier each morning, in the simple pleasure of seeing neighbours out and about again. Creation itself seems to join in the Easter proclamation: life is rising, hope is stirring, God is with us.

Perhaps this April we might each take a moment to ask: Where is the light returning for me? It may be something small—a conversation, a new possibility, a sense of strength you didn't expect. Or it may be something still fragile, like the first pale shoot pushing through the soil. Whatever it looks like, Easter assures us that God meets us there, gently, patiently, faithfully.

As a parish, we continue to walk together in that light—supporting one another, praying for peace in places torn apart by conflict, celebrating signs of new life, and holding hope for those who cannot yet see it for themselves. May this month bring you moments of brightness, reassurance, and quiet joy. And may the light of the risen Christ bring peace into this troubled world.

*Revd Lynda
Debden Rectory*

A View from the Fly on the Church Wall

As I write this, Spring looks like it's truly sprung. The snowdrops are over after a particularly prolific season. The daffodils look gorgeous swaying in the blustery March breezes. The primroses and violets are peeping through the grass. I've even spotted some bright blue speedwell amongst the undergrowth.

Living in this lovely part of the Essex countryside, I sometimes find myself taking the privilege of residing here for granted. But it's during Spring, when everything bursts into life, that I again appreciate God's Creation within this location.

It's not only Spring that I look forward to, but Easter too. Spring looking hopefully towards a sunny summer. Easter, through Jesus' crucifixion and subsequent resurrection, the hope of our redemption. Jesus dying on the cross for our sins.

And there are many wrong-doings going on in our world at the moment. Particularly within the Middle East, as uncertainty and terror grip thousands of innocent lives, caused by the hatred and evil of others. We must continue to pray and ask God to comfort and protect all victims of war. Also to ask for God's Holy Peace to settle on all leaders, that they may turn hatred to love, anger to patience, disdain to respect. I hope you all have a joyful and peaceful Easter.

Peter
Churchwarden

Worship and Word Prayer Group, St Paul's, Wimbish

This is a short informal time of prayer and reflection around the daily office service of Evening Prayer. We include prayer for each other, the life of the churches, the needs of those from around the world, and of course for those we hold dear. You are welcome to join us, with no expectation to pray aloud.

5.00 - 5.45 pm on Wednesday **15th/ 29th April 6th/20th May**

For prayer requests please contact Peter Gray 07901 946440

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11th April

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Thursday 23rd April (held in the school)



Thursday 21st May (location to be confirmed)

Ideal for under 5s with parents/grandparents/carers.

For more information please contact Reverend Lynda 01799 796193

TEA AND CHAT AT ST PAUL'S

Meets the first Monday afternoon of the month 2 - 4 pm
Come along to the warm and friendly environment of St Paul's Mission Room for chat, games, puzzles and activities
Refreshments provided.



Monday 13th April - The Hundred Parishes with Ken MacDonald

Monday 11th May - Travel with the Kings. Robert and Linda's recent trips abroad

Monday 1st June - 'Olive's Memories' Olive Smith will be talking about living and growing up in Wimbish.

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Taking part is straightforward. Volunteers complete a short online training session, followed by a face-to-face introduction to using the speed gun. After that, you simply join a small team for a session about once a month, usually lasting up to an hour.

Speed Watch is a friendly community effort that helps remind drivers to slow down and keeps our village safer for everyone. If you're able to spare a little time each month and would like to help, we would be pleased to hear from you.

Please contact; Deryck Johnson
deryckjohnson@meadowfield.uk 01799 527773

CAPTIONS PLEASE!



A new initiative has recently been launched by the local churches called **Open the Book**. It takes place in schools and offers an exciting way of bringing Bible stories to life as they are shared with children. The team dress up in costume and follow a scripted story in school assemblies, involving the children in ways that are imaginative, fun, and memorable.

Open the Book is a national programme overseen and run by The Bible Society.

Pictured above, telling the story of the Old Testament character Samson, are Pete Gray, Revd Hilary Davey, and Ursula Lyons.

Just for fun - can you come up with a suitable caption for this photo? There are no prizes, but we will ask the editor to print the best in the next edition of The Wimbish Newsletter. Entries should be emailed no later than 25th April 2026 to: debden.wimbishvicar@gmail.com

Outside Jerusalem
A howling crowd was there
Whilst the Lord of all, the God of all
Gave us His greatest prayer:
"Father forgive them,
They know not what they do".
The Lord alone could end it
But bound by love
He saw it through

By selfless love we can be saved,
Is what our Saviour taught.
And His great sacrifice of love
Salvation for us bought.
He came to earth in human form,
We called Him God the Son,
But did we kill the Father,
And the Spirit Three in one

If He could forgive humanity
Then we must learn to do
As Jesus did and pardon all
Because He loves them too
If we want the world to be
As heaven on earth for all
We must more truly listen
To our loving Saviours call.

The Ancient Mariner Returns

Some time ago, I watched the film *All Is Lost*. It is a remarkable piece of cinema: one actor, Robert Redford; almost no dialogue; and one brief appearance by a second person whose involvement lasts barely twenty seconds.

Redford plays a lone sailor navigating a small yacht in the Caribbean. In the dead of night, he is jolted awake by a violent crash. A large, drifting shipping container has torn a hole in the hull below the waterline, sending seawater flooding in. He rushes to the ship-to-shore radio, only to discover that it—and most of the boat's equipment—has already been submerged.

Desperate to save the vessel, he attempts to patch the breach with fibreglass, only to discover that it disintegrates on contact with salt water. With no hope left, he releases the inflatable life raft, climbs aboard, and watches his yacht disappear beneath the waves.

Thirst soon becomes a pressing concern. A brief rain shower on day two offers a glimmer of relief, but his straw hat proves useless for collecting water. Hunger follows.

Ingeniously, he fashions a fishing line from a bent pin and a length of twine. He manages to catch a fish—only to have it snatched away by a lurking predator. One setback follows another, each more dispiriting than the last.

By day five, exhausted and close to despair, he spots a passing tanker in the night. His flares are damp and unreliable. His final, desperate attempt is to set fire to the life raft itself, hoping the flames will draw attention. But as the burning raft sinks beneath him, he watches the ship glide past into the darkness—“like a painted ship upon a painted ocean.”

Sinking into the depths, he seems utterly lost. And then—an arm reaches down into the water. He grasps it. He is pulled upward and placed into a small boat. His first thought: there is always hope, even when everything appears lost.

I'll leave you to ponder whose arm it might have been, and how this story might serve as an allegory for our own lives.

Peter Sebbage

CRAFTERNOON

Do you knit, crochet, or sew?

Why not join others for an afternoon of craft.

Crafternoon meets on the third Monday of the month at St Paul's
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Refreshments provided. Contact: Yvonne
reynoldsonyoung@gmail.com



Saffron Support

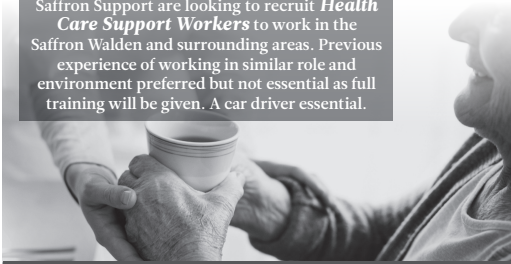
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Eco Church Thoughts and Update April/May 2026

One relatively warm early evening in late February I was alerted to something going on in the garden. The noise of blackbirds was echoing around the garden; they were reinforcing their territorial boundaries and my goodness were they cross. So I sat down to see what else might happen. I could hear various tits congregating together to keep warm over night. The robin was there too. Was he staking out his ground or calling for a mate? Lastly, there was a soft hooting of the tawny owl finding his spot in our wooded area. In the sky the plumes of the vapour trails had turned a pretty pink and were contrasting against the silhouette of the trees. It was magical and held my attention for some time.

What I didn't know was that I was participating in 'Dusking'. It's an old Dutch ritual of going outside to watch the coming of the night. It is having a revival across Europe. Its a great way to disconnect from screens and find peace. So look out for an event in Wimbish in February 2027.

If you want to learn more you will find an interesting article at <https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2026/mar/01/could-daily-dusking-make-us-healthier-and-happier>

Many of us get involved in Citizen Science projects. At church we have participated in the RSPB bird count for several years and the 'Count on Nature' designed for recording aspects of nature in the churchyard. You might have joined the BTO's 'Blackbirds in Gardens' survey looking at the decline in blackbirds because of disease and climate change or the annual 'Butterfly Count' in the summer.

I recently read about another very interesting survey. Researchers at Nottingham Trent University are studying organ-tuning records. They have realised the records are a 'goldmine' to study changes in environmental conditions. Organ tuners make brief records of their visits and often jot down observations, including the temperature and humidity inside the building. Materials within organs are sensitive to climatic changes, which can knock the majestic instruments out of tune. We have these records from 2000 and maybe before. I'm waiting to hear from the university as to whether they would like our data. I will keep you updated as to our progress. <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/dec/22/organ-tuning-books-english-churches-notes-warming-climate>

Caring for God's Acre is the conservation charity for Burial Grounds across the UK and we are members of this organisation. They provide support and resources which we find useful. In February there was the second 'Love your Yew Week' in collaboration with the Ancient Yew Group. As custodians of ancient and veteran yews we were asked to look down at the ground beneath one of our yew trees and to complete a specific management task. Remove all objects from beneath the yew canopy, including at least a metre beyond it, as the root plate can extend further than the branches. Pull up any small seedling trees or woody shrubs and cut saplings back close to the ground. Take a photo before and afterwards and send to Caring for God's Acre for inclusion on their website. Thank you to the church working party for completing this work. There are about 800 ancient and veteran yews in the churchyards of England and Wales, this is a large proportion of the British population. Internationally, Britain is a stronghold of veteran yew trees and so these churchyard yews are really important on a global level. They are a national treasure which deserves recognition and celebration.

<https://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/before-and-after-yews/>

Fran Johnson

In and Around Wimbish

WIMBISH WALKERS

Meets on the second Sunday of the month. Walks in Wimbish, or exploring the surrounding villages. Join us for a walk around some of the local footpaths.

Contact: Penny Browne pennybrowne@hotmail.com

<https://www.wimbish.org.uk/wimbish-walkers.html>

WIMBISH PARISH COUNCIL

Meets the first Wednesday of each month at the Village Hall

<https://www.wimbish.org.uk/wimbish-parish-council-contacts.html>

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<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/19645/>

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THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY

www.hundredparishes.org.uk

Horses were once very important in everyday life. This changed quickly with the advent of tractors, trucks and the motor car.

Horses were used extensively in agriculture; they also hauled delivery carts and buses and everything in between. Some of us may remember the horse-drawn milk float or the coalman and rag-and-bone man. There were blacksmiths, smithies and forges in most towns and villages.

We still have blacksmiths who work in metal, making gates, weather vanes, tools and farm implements, as well as shoeing horses. A farrier is a specialist in equine hoof care.

Whilst blacksmiths and farriers are quite rare today, there are reminders of this aspect of our heritage around The Hundred Parishes, for example in the names Forge Green at Hildersham, Anvil Cross in Great Hallingbury and Smith's End Lane in Barley. The area has five pubs called The Three Horseshoes – a name which probably came about because they had a nearby farrier, ready to deal with a customer who arrived with a horse that had lost a shoe.

Today, dwellings with names like The Old Forge or Anvil House often reveal their earlier lives.

Much Hadham Forge is still in use, part of Much Hadham Forge Museum. The museum usually opens Friday to Sunday, April to December, 11am to 5pm. It is housed in a series of listed buildings, dating from the 15th to 19th centuries. The forge itself dates from the 17th century; today's blacksmith runs forge experience days.

Ashdon once had three blacksmiths in the village. Now, one of Ashdon Museum's excellent displays is a representation of a blacksmith's shop with all the tools and equipment that he would have used. The museum is open April to October from 2pm to 5pm on Sundays and bank holidays and is well worth a visit.

Ken McDonald



Weather vane, Anvil House, High Easter



Much Hadham, Forge Museum

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A message from local fire officer Kevin Jenner

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From attending incidents locally, we know that cooking is the leading cause of house fires, accounting for 23%, followed by electrical devices/appliances at 14%. Many of these fires were preventable with small changes, such as never leaving cooking unattended and regularly checking electrical appliances and cables.

One of the most concerning trends is that smoke alarms were present in only 72% of homes where fires occurred. Smoke alarms provide an early warning and can make the difference between safely escaping and being overcome by smoke. We also see that 68% of house fires in Uttlesford happened in homes with only one occupant, which highlights how important it is for people living alone to have working smoke alarms and a clear escape plan.

The good news is that there is support available. Essex County Fire and Rescue Service offers free Home Safety Visits to anyone living in Essex. During the visit, firefighters or our safety team can provide personalised advice, help you plan an escape route, and fit smoke alarms where needed.

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Revd Lynda on 01799 7996193.

Hedgehog AWARENESS WEEK

03-09 May 2026



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Pentecost Praise



A service of hymns &
readings

Sunday 24th May 2026 at 4pm

Debden Church

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Bird Song

By now, the bird breeding season will be in full swing. Every time a window or door is opened outside, we can hear the “tea-cher, tea-cher” of the great tit, walk across the fields to hear “a little bit of bread and no cheese” from the yellowhammer, and the “chiff chaff” of the chiff chaff can be heard in the woods. Has anyone heard a cuckoo yet? There is usually one at Rowney Woods, but cuckoos which head north will be passing through before our summer visitor arrives.

The RSPB once produced a book and CD to learn bird song. I remember playing the CD in my car on the way to university everyday to learn woodland birds for my dissertation. It worked, as I still remember them. The BTO (British Trust for Ornithology) runs courses to learn bird song by Zoom (search their website for courses, www.bto.org). They also have a You Tube channel to help distinguish between similar looking species.

Another useful website is www.british-birdsongs.uk click on the pictures to hear songs, calls, alarm calls and more. The chaffinch has a song known as the “rain song”, often cited as predicting impending rain. It happens to coincide as a territorial call during the breeding season.

The skylark’s song can be heard most of the year as they live in the fields to avoid predators. These are the birds which sudden erupt skywards as you walk around the fields, chirruping and chirping to lure you away from their home. East Anglia is their stronghold although they are now, unfortunately, a red listed species. They are a farmer’s friend as they eat the seeds of arable weeds.

Tawny owls tend to call in autumn, rather than spring. They are our most vocal owl species. The females make the “too-wit” sound and the males make the “too-woo” in response. The Essex Birdwatching Society and Essex Field Club are running a tawny owl survey, if you do happen to hear one <https://www.essexfieldclub.org.uk/portal.php/p/Tawny+Owl+Record>

Fiona Hutchings

Ward Village Meeting with Stewart Luck

St Paul’s Mission Hall
Saturday 11th April 4.00 PM

Please come along and take part in discussions about matters affecting the village of Wimbish. Topics may include potholes, the Village Hall, planning matters, wildlife conservation, lock gate at Rowney Wood, Speed watch, and other local issues.

This meeting is requested by residents who can’t make meetings on weekday evenings.

Residents from Debden may attend if they have topics they want to talk about that concerns the whole Ward.



District Councillor's Report

With elections coming up, I have to be careful about what I say so as not to be biased and get complaints, so this is a short report.

If you are over 18 on May 7th, you should have registered to vote. It's your DUTY to vote! It's what Democracy is based on. Not being here is no excuse, because if you are quick, you can register at UDC to have a postal vote.

Who are you going to vote for?

The Candidates' details are just becoming known and advertised on leaflets and in mail shots. Don't just throw them in the bin, read them, and compare them, and decide who best represents your views. If you want them to get elected and serve you, they will need help with getting the message across, such as delivering leaflets and banging on doors and spreading the word.

Moving on... at UDC, we have kept the increase in Council tax below inflation while still maintaining a balanced budget. We didn't please all of the residents because there were difficult decisions to make about things UDC is responsible for. Potholes are not on UDC's list to fix.

I hear new residents in Wimbish can't get their children into schools again. This isn't something UDC can help with, as it's an Essex C.C function.

Things that residents of Wimbish can do are be Good Neighbours and look out for others in this community. The police report that having good neighbours is as good as or better than a deterrent to crime than sophisticated and expensive doorbells and CCTV.

Neighbours can also observe signs and sounds of Domestic Abuse, which need reporting to someone. If this behaviour is not stopped before it gets out of hand, lives can be at risk anywhere, even in Wimbish.

I was with the police in Debden & Wimbish using a speed camera. Many people got caught for various reasons, and it will be expensive for them.

For those of you who enquired if I could arrange a village meeting, I have hit a problem in that the Wimbish Village hall is not usable. Keep a lookout for an announcement, and if you were one of a few who requested one on a weekend, look out for details and turn up with your points then.

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Before-and-after photos of a yew tree, previously choked by ivy and weeds, cleared by members of the churchyard working party.

The Churchyard Working Party meet regularly on a Saturday Morning throughout the Spring and Summer. If you would like to join us for any of our dates please contact Peter Gray 07901 946440. Refreshments provided.