

HOLY WEEK Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March to Easter Sunday

# LIGHT *At The* DOOR

Welcome to the Weekly Newsletter for The Bain Valley & Woodhall Spa Group of Churches

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Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 6pm St Margaret's Bucknall Stations of The Cross - Wardens & Team

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Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 9.30am Holy Wednesday Eucharist St Peter's Woodhall Spa - Revd Sall

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MAUNDY THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> April 7pm ST Peter's Woodhall Spa Foot Washing and Last Supper Eucharist- R. Sall

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GOOD FRIDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2pm St Peter's Woodhall Spa Veneration of The Cross & Good Friday Eucharist - R. Sall

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GOOD FRIDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> April 6pm Holy Trinity Tattershall Stations of The Cross - Sheila and Team

## EASTER SUNDAY

9.15am Eucharist St Margaret's Langton Revd Pam

9.30am Eucharist Holy Trinity Tattershall Revd Barbara

9.30am Eucharist All Saints Horsington Revd Sall

11am Eucharist St Peter's Woodhall Spa Revd Sall

3pm Eucharist St Leonard's Kirkstead Revd Sall

Holy Saturday - Church Preparation for Easter Sunday Please ensure that no flowers are placed on altars or on fonts

### Maundy Thursday Collect

God our Father,

you have invited us to share in the supper which your Son gave to his Church to proclaim his death until he comes: may he nourish us by his presence, and unite us in his love; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### Good Friday Collect

Eternal God, in the cross of Jesus we see the cost of our sin and the depth of your love: in humble hope and fear may we place at his feet all that we have and all that we are, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Easter Sunday Collect

Lord of all life and power,  
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son  
overcame the old order of sin and death  
to make all things new in him:  
grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in  
Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory;  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be praise and honour, glory and might,  
now and in all eternity. Amen.

## SAFEGUARDING

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## Maundy Thursday

**Exodus 12.1-4, 11-14** The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

**Psalms 116. 10-17** What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord, I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones. O Lord, I am your servant: I am your servant, the child of your serving-maid. You have loosed my bonds. I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.

**1 Corinthians 11. 23-26** For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**John 13.1-17, 31-35** Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' Peter said to him, 'You will never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.' Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!' Jesus said to him, 'One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.' For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, 'Not all of you are clean.' After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, 'Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

## Good Friday

**Isaiah 52.13 – 53.12** See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. Just as there were many who were astonished at him so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals— so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate. Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

**Psalms 22** Please read your bibles the psalm is too large to reproduce

# St Peter's Church Stixwould



Raising funds for essential  
electrical repairs in the church  
on

**Saturday 18th April**

in

**Stixwould Village Hall**

Doors open 6.30pm for 7pm

**£2 per person in teams of up to 6**

Refreshments Available or bring your own

**Plus A RAFFLE - donations of prizes gratefully accepted**

## Roughton Knit and Natter

Creating Pew Runners for St Margaret's Roughton

Thank you to everyone who is donating time, skills and wool to create runners to make our little parish church more comfortable and warmer in the winter. We Meet Again on 15th April at 2.00 pm at 74 Homcastle Road Roughton Moor,  
Thank You Jean

## palm sunday services in Bain valley and woodhall spa groups -

Bain Valley held a Palm Sunday Morning Prayer at St Michael's, Coningsby. The service was led by Reader Sheila Mullinger, and the wardens in Bain Valley. Music was supplied by the beat box operated by Roy. 22 members, of the congregation, including David the new chaplain recently posted to RAF Coningsby, listened to the liturgy of the palms and then the passion. As always, refreshments were enjoyed after the service which marks the beginning of Holy Week.

St Peter's Woodhall Spa were treated to an amazing introit 'Hosannah' by Alan and the choir, then we all followed the choir outside to hear the liturgy of the palms. In common with churches all over the diocese, we processed back in to 'All Glory, Laud and Honour' and the Liturgy of Christ's Passion. This year members of the choir and the congregation took part in a reading of the passion. With absolutely no rehearsal and with less than 24 hours to read their scripts, the congregation heard and were deeply touched by the story told by many different voices. Honestly, it made me quite emotional. The service was a Eucharist and afterwards we all enjoyed refreshments, there was a lot of cake!!!!

I am truly grateful to everyone who played a part in the story of the passion, and to the wonderful choir ladies and to our musical director Alan for leading the sung worship. And to our church warden Paul, who delivers our fascinating notices with equanimity beyond expectation, and who was the narrator for the passion.

The final service was evensong and that took place at St Peter's Stixwould. Some of us met at Margaret and Guy's at Abbey Farm and followed the most beautiful shetland Pony Jake to church, He came in ahead of the procession, walked the aisle and then left us, 20 people's hearts were gladdened by the sight of this lovely laid back chap! We heard the liturgy of the palms and the passion. Andrew Price played the organ and Hannah, then Serin (Margaret and Guy's daughter) did the readings, Margaret read the Magnificat. Alison read prayers. Thank you to our dear friends Val and Graham for once again providing excellent refreshments, sadly Val couldn't be with us, but she was in our thoughts.

Please do support our tiny rural parish churches. There is a thriving congregation here in Stixwould, we regularly have 20 or more people attend our services. The people in the villages work very hard to keep these holy spaces open for the local community, and they are mostly self-sufficient, but every now and then they need a little extra help when something goes wrong. Stixwould St Peter electrics need urgent repairs and in this village there isn't a charity that can assist with funding. If you enjoy quizzes perhaps you can put a team together? At £2 per person it is a cheap night out, but every penny raised helps. Thank you and Every Blessing Revd Sall.

Bucknall Village Hall - Monday Community Hub  
Coffee Morning 9:30am until 11am.

Bucknall Village Hall Main Street Bucknall,  
Everyone is welcome, from near or far.

£1 gets you a couple of drinks plus cake.

Monday's Community Hub raises funds for St. Margaret's Church

Bucknall Village Hall - Bingo

Friday 10 April 2026 7pm

plus a raffle raising funds for

St Margaret's Church and The Men's Shed

## The Boys from Bucknall are collecting Bras!!

As part of our ministry of Christian love we try to support communities in whatever way we can. The charity 'Against Breast Cancer' are funding research into secondary spread, the main cause of breast cancer related deaths. Andrew and David, known affectionately as the Boys from Bucknall, are wardens at Horsington and Bucknall and have asked us to publicise the collection of our old, unwanted bras so that they can be recycled to raise funds.

As a group this feels like a very important cause so we are pleased to support this appeal. If anyone out there has bras they no longer need please consider dropping them off - St Peter's Woodhall Spa is a hub for collecting them if you can't get out to Bucknall or Horsington and we will be passing them on to David and Andrew who do have bins in their parishes. Thank you chaps for highlighting this vital cause and for your uplifting support. Revd Sall

**Hebrews 4.14-16, 5.7-9** Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him,

**John 18.1-19.42** Please read your bibles The reading is too large to reproduce

### EASTER DAY

**Acts 10.34-43** Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

**Psalm 118.14-24**

**Colossians 3.1-4** So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

**John 20.1-18** Please read your bibles.

## The Significance Of The Paschal Candle - The Candle that Stands Alone in Church

The selection of a Paschal candle is a decision rooted in two millennia of liturgical tradition. The material from which it is crafted is not incidental; it is central to its profound symbolism. The Easter Proclamation, the Exsultet, sung in the solemn darkness of the Easter Vigil, explicitly praises the candle as the “work of the bees and of your servants’ hands.” This ancient text makes clear that the wax must be the fruit of the bee, a noble substance offered to God.

Early Church Fathers, including St. Ambrose, drew a direct parallel between the virgin bees producing wax and the Virgin Mary conceiving Christ. The wax, therefore, was seen to represent the pure flesh of Christ. This profound connection is central to understanding the Symbolism of the Easter Candle and its role as a visible sign of the Light of Christ, risen from the dead. This symbolism elevates the candle beyond mere decoration to an active element of the liturgy. As per Canon B3 iii.

For parishes in the United Kingdom, the choice of beeswax content directly impacts both liturgical integrity and candle performance. The options generally available are: 25% Beeswax Content: This composition meets the minimum standard for some dioceses. It offers an economical option while still incorporating the traditional material, though its performance can be less reliable than higher concentrations. 51% Beeswax Content: As the most common specification, a 51% beeswax candle ensures that the “fruit of the bee” is the predominant material. It provides a vastly superior burn quality, longer life, and a more authentic character than lower blends.

100% Pure Beeswax: Representing the highest standard, a 100% pure beeswax paschal candle 2026 offers the cleanest, longest burn and most fully embodies the rich symbolism of the Exsultet. It is the traditional ideal, revered for its quality.

A high beeswax content, specifically 51% or greater, ensures a candle with a higher melting point of approximately 63°C. This quality prevents the “guttering” and rapid dripping common in paraffin alternatives. For a large 36-inch Paschal candle intended to burn throughout the 50 days of Eastertide, this structural integrity is essential. The natural, subtle aroma of honey also enhances the sensory experience of the sanctuary, contributing to the sacred atmosphere without artificial scents.

Paraffin wax, a by-product of petroleum refining, fails to meet the “noble simplicity” required by the liturgy. Its origin is industrial, not natural, and it lacks any theological significance. Furthermore, paraffin candles burn with more smoke and soot, and drip wax everywhere, which can damage venerable church interiors and fabrics over time.

Paraffin wax candles also contain petrochemicals and phthalates which affect human endocrine and reproductive processes. Research has found that exposure to phthalates is associated with health problems for adults and children.

Canon b3 reminds us the expression 'form of service' shall be construed as including -

- (i) the prayers known as Collects
- (ii) the lessons designated in any Table of Lessons;
- (iii) any other matter to be used as part of a service; the paschal candle is an essential part of the Easter service, it is also lit at baptisms and funerals. We must not ever disrespect the symbol of Christ, his light or his resurrection by substituting a cheap candle from a supermarket, our paschal candles must accord our Lord and Saviour with the respect due for his sacrifice.

Revd Sall