

LIGHT *At The* DOOR

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

Sunday 12th April

9.30am Morning Prayer Kirkby on Bain Sheila and Wardens

9.30am morning Prayer Bucknall The Wardens

11am Eucharist St Peter's Woodhall Spa Revd Pam

No Midweek service on 8th April

Acts 2.22-32 Peter Addresses the Crowd

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. 'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence." 'Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, "He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption." This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

1 Peter 1.3-9 A Living Hope

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen^[b] him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Collect for Easter 2
Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son
to die for our sins and to rise again
for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven
of malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son
Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

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John 20:19-30 Jesus Appears to the Disciples

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.

On Easter Sunday for more years than you care to remember, your Priest says: "He is risen" And you, the congregation reply: "He is risen, indeed - Alleluia"

But how do we know it true? The former Lord Chief Justice, Lord Darling, spoke about the resurrection of Jesus Christ saying, "In its favour as living truth, there exists such overwhelming evidence, positive and negative, factual and circumstantial, that no intelligent jury in the world could fail to bring in a verdict that the resurrection story is true."

Every Sunday as living witnesses to the life of Christ we profess our faith in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead when we say the words of the Creed – and I believe that you say those words with me because you believe them to be the absolute truth. As of 2025, 2.6 billion people follow the Christian faith – that is up from 2.4 billion. Don't listen to the rubbish that the media spouts – it is a total complete and utter lie that people of faith are deserting their beliefs. I have baptised two young men on this Easter Sunday - young men are coming forward to declare their faith - it is the biggest growth area

But back then it was tough to follow Christ, so dangerous that when Jesus was crucified on the Cross, his band of followers scattered. Galilee continued to be a hotbed of unrest and many false Messiahs sprang up proclaiming themselves to be the son of God, but once they were killed, their followers scattered and their falsehoods died with them.

Gamaliel a famous Jewish rabbi who taught Paul everything he ever knew, advised us then and his words are true today, that if a leader's purpose or activity is of human origin, everything they do will fail. But if what men do, comes from God you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God.

Just the very fact that we are here this morning celebrating the Resurrection 2000 years after Jesus walked the earth, and people continue to die for their beliefs, yet the faith has not died out – Gamaliel and Lord Darlin would be in absolute agreement that the resurrection really happened, to echo the centurion at the foot of the cross, 'Jesus is of God'.

In his first letter to the Corinthians St. Paul challenges us: "...if Christ has not been raised from the dead, our faith is futile. He goes on to say: But our faith is not futile because enough people saw Jesus Christ after his very public death to prove that his resurrection happened. He appeared to Peter, and the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living ...Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also.

Paul records 513 (five hundred and thirteen) men as having seen the risen Lord within a short space of time after the crucifixion. But 514 if you count Mary Magdalene. Which of course the men never did because women had no legal status and no importance at that time. But this lady has since been described as the Apostle to the Apostles the one Jesus chose to go and deliver the good news to his male followers as the first person to see him.

So, we can have, along with 2.6 billion other people faith in our faith. What hope and joy that gives us, knowing that everything Jesus told us is the truth – especially the bit from John that I say at every funeral – 'I am the resurrection and the life,' says the Lord. 'Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.' What joy that even after this life, so often filled with happiness, but also deep sorrow and pain, we have the hope that we will receive eternal life with our Lord and Saviour in heaven. Excerpts from Revd Sall's Easter Sunday Service Sermon

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

Bucknall Village Hall - Bingo

Friday 10 April 2026 7pm

plus a raffle raising funds for

St Margaret's Church and The Men's Shed

Bucknall Men's Shed Celebrates Award Success

Bucknall Men's Shed, also known locally as PATCH, has been recognised at the East Lindsey District Council Community Ambassador Awards 2026, receiving Highly Commended in the category of Best Community-Led Improvement Project. The award was collected by founder David Forman, alongside Barry Adams, whose family story sits at the heart of the group. PATCH was established in memory of Barry and Sue Adams' son, Philip Adams, who sadly passed away in June 2019. The name reflects its deeper meaning as The Philip Adams Community Hub, with the "T" symbolising a cross, acknowledging its roots as a church-led initiative. Since launching in December 2023, Bucknall Men's Shed has quickly become a valued part of the local community. Meeting regularly at Bucknall Village Hall, the group offers a welcoming space for men aged 16 and over to come together. While activities such as pool and darts are available, the true purpose of the Shed goes far beyond that – it provides a place to relax, talk, and support one another.

The group also organises occasional days out, helping to build friendships and strengthen connections beyond the village hall setting. With free refreshments and no cost to attend, it remains accessible to all, regardless of background or circumstance.

This recognition highlights not just the success of the initiative, but the difference it is making – quietly tackling isolation, improving wellbeing, and building a stronger, more connected community. New members are always warmly welcome – from Bucknall and beyond.

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

The Boys from Bucknall are collecting Bras!!

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.

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



