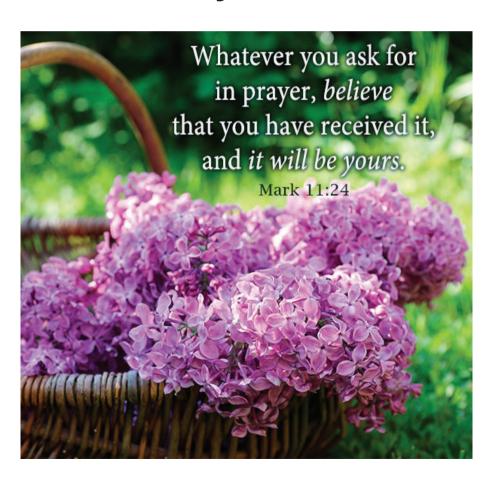


ST. MARY'S, CUBBINGTON PARISH NEWS

APRIL 2024

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St. Mary's Church



Dear friends,



HE IS RISEN

Easter is upon us and the clocks have gone back, spring flowers have been blooming and new life is all around us. For the church Easter is the greatest festival of all. Even at Christmas the shadow of the cross reaches across time to Good Friday and Easter day. None of us know what the future holds but there is promise in the air in the spring.

Jesus is believed to have lived on this earth for 33 years. His first 30 years were in relative quietness living and working as

a Carpenter. Following his baptism by John the Baptist his cousin a voice from heaven proclaimed that 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.' This was the start of Jesus' public ministry and in the next three years he taught about God's love, healed the sick, and did other miraculous signs. His purpose was to show that God was reaching out to us and to the people of his time and telling them the good news of God's love for us and them. This message was not welcomed by those in authority as it threatened their position and their influence on the people of Israel. The events of Palm Sunday followed by Holy Week which was the last week of Jesus life showed how people thought of Jesus in different ways, depending on their position in the life of the community. He was divisive because he challenged the status quo and ask people to consider a different way of life. Today Jesus still challenges us to go beyond what we think we know and encounter the real Jesus. Jesus summarised God's Law in the following words:

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"; and, "Love your neighbour as yourself."

This was so different to the approach of the religious authorities of the time that they sought to get rid of him and his message. It didn't succeed and over 2000 years Jesus is still a force to be reckoned with. How do we respond to God, to one another, to ourselves and to all of creation?

I looked at Good Friday and Easter in a different way when my son years ago at the age of 3 told me that the cross was God's kiss to us. When he wrote a kiss on the bottom of a card, he did it in the shape of a plus sign + not a x. On that particular Good Friday, he was writing a card for his grandmother who was coming to stay, and having just been to church, he realised that the cross he put on the bottom of his card as a kiss was like the cross he had seen in church earlier. I have to be honest, I had always thought that the cross was a cruel symbol, which it is, but it is also a sign of God's enduring love for us all. For on the cross Jesus offers us all redemption. The cross is not the end of the story but the beginning of realising that death is not the end as there is something more. Easter reminds us that new life is there for all who seek it through Jesus, God's own son.

Our prayer this Easter and as we move forward is that you will encounter the living God through his Holy Spirit and come to know the reality of a relationship with Jesus our Lord.



There is a full list of services being provided by the church this Easter and in the following weeks. We would love to see you and especially over the Easter weekend when the church will be decked with lilies in memory of loved ones.

May the love of Jesus flow into your hearts and may you encounter him afresh.

God Bless Jo.

Jo King, Reader and Lay Minister

SERVICES FOR APRIL

DATE APRIL	SERVICES		
WEDNESDAY 3 rd	10.00am	Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer	
SUNDAY 7 th	10.00am	Common Worship Holy Communion	
SUNDAY 14 th	10.00am	Common Worship Holy Communion	
SUNDAY 21st	10.00am	Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer	
	6.00pm	Evensong	
SUNDAY 28 th	10.00am	All Age Service	



ST. MARY'S CHURCH, CUBBINGTON

Little Miracles

Little Miracles is a twice monthly get-together during term time for babies, toddlers and those who care for them.

Held in the Parish Room at the church from 10.30am until 12 noon, on **Tuesday 9**th and 30th April.

We hope you will come and join us for a mix of play, songs and of course, plenty of chat, tea and coffee.

ST MARY'S CHURCH CUBBINGTON

Mothers' Union

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 10th April.



CUBBINGTON METHODIST CHURCH



Morning service every Sunday at 10.30 a.m.

Saturday 6th April: Coffee morning 10.30 a.m.-11.45 a.m. with fairy cakes to decorate yourself.

Saturday 4th May: Coffee morning 10.30 a.m.-11.45 a.m. with cake stall

Dear friends.

As we embrace the new season of spring, now here at long last, it reminds us of the beauty of renewal that comes with the changing of seasons. Spring, with its vibrant blooms and warming breezes, offers a powerful metaphor for the spiritual journey of believers.

The new life that shows in springtime is something that we can experience too. A freshness and a sense of something new shining through what was the long dark winter months. In the Christian tradition, we have just celebrated the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ marking the ultimate triumph over darkness and death.

Spring invites us to reflect on the themes of hope, joy and transformation. It calls us to shed the old and embrace the new, to maybe let go of past hurts and disappointments, and to open our hearts to the possibilities of growth and renewal.

As we witness the miracle of nature unfolding around us, let us also take time to nurture our spiritual gardens. Through prayer and acts of kindness, may we cultivate seeds of love, joy and peace, both in our lives and in the world.

This spring, may we embrace the promise of new beginnings with faith and gratitude, trusting in the God who makes all things new. Let us walk boldly into the season ahead, confident in His grace and guided by His unfailing love.

Revd Tina Brooker

Our Rainbows (4-7 years) meet on Tuesdays after school, Brownies (7-10 years) meet on Monday evenings and Guides (10-14 years) and Rangers (14-18 years) meet on Friday evenings.

We are welcoming new members to our Units all the time so if you would like to find out more visit girlguiding.org.uk or email 2ndcubbingtonstmarys@gmail.com













Date for your diary

St. Mary's Churchyard workers
will be holding a coffee morning on
Saturday 11th May

from 10.30am until 12noon.



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Next Meeting:

23rd April - Alan Deeley from Burton Green Honey

Alan will talk about bees and beekeeping. Amongst other things he'll tell us about bees and other pollinators, the colony and hive and the beekeeping year, threats bees face and how we can help. There will be tastings and a chance to buy some honey.



The last few weeks since half term have flown by and it feels like we are hurtling towards Easter! We have had our service in St Mary's to celebrate Holy Week and it is always a joy (and a bit of a squeeze!) to have the whole school in church together. This was lead by the Year 4 class, they did a great job and the singing was absolutely fantastic! The school calendar is always very busy and this time of the year is no different. Staff have been planning ahead for the rest of the year and the children have so many trips, events, assemblies and sporting events to look forward to.

Our Year 6 pupils have now received their secondary school offers and this is always a key milestone for children as there is the realisation that their primary school years are coming to an end. However, our job has been to prepare children for this very occasion and help them manage their nervousness, anticipation and excitement about what lies ahead. Over the years, I have crossed paths with numerous former Cubbington pupils. I always love seeing how they have grown and developed into wonderful young people and adults. We regularly welcome past pupils back into school to undertake work experience where they work alongside teachers and teaching assistants and they get to see school from a completely different perspective. Hopefully some of these pupils will become the teachers of the future.

At the other end of our age range we are preparing to offer places to our new Reception children who will join us in September 2024. This an equally exciting time for everyone involved and we cannot wait to meet them all to welcome them to start their journey at Cubbington.

Juliet Jones Head teacher

Cubbington C.E Primary School 01926 422967

'Be courageous, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go' Joshua 1:9









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The Nurture Room are coming to Cubbington Primary School

The Nurture Room are expanding to create a new provision based in Cubbington C of E Primary School. From September The Nurture Room will be opening a preschool for children aged 2 years and 9 months to 5 years located in the Old School Building at Cubbington school in addition to their current setting for children aged 18 months to 3 years on the Cubbington Road. The Old School Building and Sensory Garden at Cubbington School are being beautifully restored to meet the needs of a nursery setting.

Experienced teachers and leaders Katie Taylor and Rosie Clark opened The Nurture Room in 2022 with the focus that Early Years education is based on a bespoke curriculum which draws on the latest research to create an inclusive and play-based environment that caters to the needs of all children.

To find out more, or if you are interested in securing a place at The Nurture Room preschool please visit their website www.nurtureroom.co.uk or call 07340167726.



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