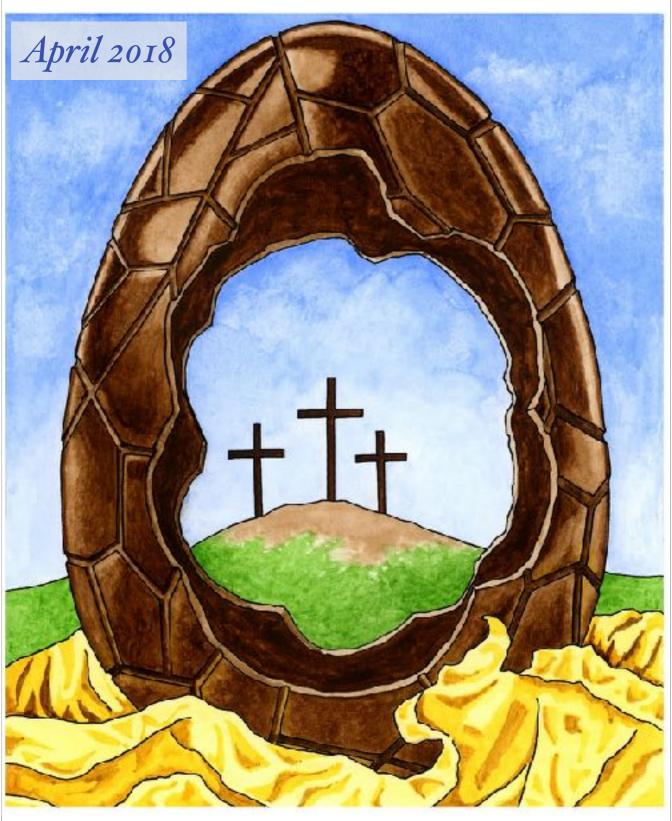
The Messenger

News from your local church



From St Matthew's, Hutton Buscel

We are especially honoured to be hosting our Reader, Pat Wood's ordination to Deacon at St Matthew's on Wednesday 11th April. There will then be a Benefice service at Brompton the following Sunday, perfect timing after the solemnity of Holy Week and the joy of Easter Day.



Writing this on Good Friday evening - apologies Stuart, my thanks to Stuart and Pat for leading very dignifed and quite profound services this week. On entering Wykeham church this afternoon our Benefice choir sounded exquisite, a fitting end to our Holy Week services.



The snowdrops in our church yard have finished flowering being replaced by a patchwork of primroses and daffodils, please do have a walk through, it is so beautiful.

With very best wishes for a Happy Easter.

Beverley and David

God is able to bless us abundantly

'And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.' (2 Corinthians 9:8).

How generous are we, on a scale between Scrooge and Bill Gates? Let's not forget that we have a God who is able to out-give us on all levels!

A God who blesses: Paul reminds the Corinthians that we have a generous God, who meet our needs, even when we don't deserve it. This is demonstrated by the grace of God seen in the death and resurrection of his Son, 'Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!' (15).

A Response of blessing: Paul calls for generosity as a response to God's grace, as the Corinthians were reluctant to support the Christians experiencing famine in Jerusalem. He uses an agricultural picture to make the point: 'Remember this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.'(6).

We sow sparingly when we hold on to what we have and put our needs first. However, by sowing generously we share God's heart and bless others, by using our time, money and talents to serve them.

'Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.'(7). We should carefully consider what to give, but to do it cheerfully (lit hilariously!). With God, the more we give, the more we bless others and are blessed ourselves!

Has this been true in our own experience?

A farmer was known for his generosity; when asked why this was he replied, 'I keep shovelling into God's bin and He keeps shovelling into mine, but God has the bigger shovel!'

View from the Vicarage.

'Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David.' (2 Timothy 2:8).

This month we remember the story of St George defeating the dragon. Although this is the stuff of legend, we face our own dragons today. We are engaged in a spiritual battle against the powers of sin, Satan and death.

In this Easter season, we remember that the great battle has been won. By His cross and resurrection, Jesus secured the victory over sin, Satan and death. The resurrection is the proof that they are no longer too powerful to resist. 'Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory?' (1 Cor 15:54,55).

Where is your power, dragon?

The story is told of a village in India, terrorised by a great bear looking for food each night. Eventually, the villagers decided to take action, and tracked down the bear to his cave.

One man, stronger and braver than the rest, ventured into the dark cave. The villagers outside could hear nothing; eventually they heard a loud shrieking cry and then silence. They waited to see what had happened. Finally, the man emerged from the dark cave victorious! The bear was dead and the villagers were safe.

The victory was won deep within the cave. They could only be confident and celebrate when the champion emerged.

For us, this happened when Jesus rose from the grave. The finality of death is no more and the power of sin and Satan no longer controls us.

The devil, the biggest dragon, is helpless to prevent Jesus taking us home.

Have a happy and holy Easter!

Stuart



Wednesday 11th April

Please join us for an

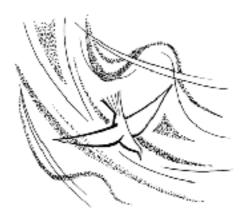
Ordination Service

with the Archbishop of York

at St (Datthew's Church, Nutton Buscel

7.00 pm

Where our very own (Drs Pat Wood will be ordained Deacon together with one other candidate



Sunday 15th April

A Special Benefice Service

to Celebrate the ordination of Revd Pat Wood to the Diaconate

10.30 am

All Saints, Church, Brompton



Brompton Blog

By the time the Messenger is out I expect that Easter will have been well and truly celebrated in Brompton with Egg rolling, the All Age Service and Easter Egg hunt . This has become an annual event and it is really good to have so many families involved. Special thanks to Theresa Hargreaves who organises the egg decorating at Sawdon and to Helen Wright for doing the children's part of the service. Terry Cartlidge, our long suffering organist just goes along with our enthusiasms with patience while vicar Stuart allows us to develop the Easter service whilst keeping the Eucharist at the centre. If you couldn't come this year put it in your diary for 2019.

Gwen Stockill will be retiring as Treasurer on 8th April. We are so grateful to Gwen for her faithful service, quietly done with such care. We have to accept 80 as a reasonable age to retire and at least she is staying on the P.C.C.



The rest of April is fairly quiet BUT on the 5th May the Tour de Yorkshire passes through the Village at lunchtime.

Greg Kilroy has generously given us his field on Church Lane as a car park. I asked if he would have a donation box, and who the money should go to, and Greg said Church. We hope to have lots of signs advertising the parking. Refreshments will



be at the Old Post Office Tavern where I hope to sell postcards and encourage people to look into Church on the way back to their cars.

7th May brings the Church Gift Day where we are always impressed by donations large and small from people who want to keep our Church alive.



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Only one way to God

"For the message of the Cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God"

(1 Corinthians 1:18)

Jesus died on a Cross. So what? That is the reaction of most people today. They have seen crucifixes, and vaguely know the story of His death, but their reaction is only one of apathy, indifference and incomprehension.

In this, they are not alone! For way back in the first century, the citizens of Corinth would have agreed with them. To them, the Cross was utter 'foolishness' - the Greek word used is moron. Instead, the Greeks were looking for a world-view based on thinkers such as Plato.

A theologian was once asked to recommend a useful book on philosophy. He replied: 'The best book on philosophy that I know is John's Gospel. You'll find all the wisdom you are looking for right there.' For while to the world of the ancient Greeks Plato was essential reading, today Plato is read only by the esoteric few, while John's Gospel continues to lead millions of people to the Cross - and to peace with God.

Meanwhile, to the apostle Paul's Jewish contemporaries - as against the Greeks - a crucified Messiah was a total disgrace! What they were interested in was power. They failed to see that out of the supposed 'weakness' of Christ's death came the power over human guilt and even death itself. As St Augustine observed, 'What a death - that gave death its death-blow!'

For the last 2,000 years, followers of Christ have found both 'wisdom' and 'power' - in one and the same Person. His saving death is the key. Jesus' death on that Cross was not a mistake, it was not a sign of weakness. It was a deliberate act on his part, to provide us with the only way possible to have our sins dealt with, and to be reconciled with God.



The Birds of Wydale

Tuesday, April 24, 2018 9:45 AM 4:00 PM Led by Bob Powley

A relaxing day in the open air enjoying God's creation in the shape of the birds we have around the estate. No experience of bird watching needed.

Cost: £25.00 to include lunch and refreshments

The Meaning of Pentecost

Tuesday, May 15, 2018 9:45 AM 4:00 PM Led by Bishop Graham Cray

The events of the Day of Pentecost are, simultaneously, unique and provide the pattern for all of the Church's engagement with the Holy Spirit. Come along to this full day of study with Bishop Graham Cray and look at some of the Pentecost themes and how to apply them in your life and church.

Cost £25.00 to include and all refreshments

Faith-filled Writing

Thursday, May 17, 2018 9:45 AM 4:00 PM Led by Adelaide Morley

An exploration into writing as an aid to a journey of faith. the day will benefit those who have not written before and those who do write already and would like space to make time to write and share their writing with others.

Cost: £25.00 to include lunch and all refreshments

Strength and Fragility: How does God relate with us at all stages of our lives?

Thursday, June 7, 2018 9:45 AM 4:00 PM Led by Rev'd Canon Kate Goulder

A day looking at how God is with us in the goo and bad times, using the Bible, Prayer and Eucharist. Time out to be quiet, relax and pray.

Cost: £25.00 to include lunch and all refreshments

For more info www.wydale.org

'He gave us eyes to see them' - the Chi-Rho



The art we see in churches on banners, carvings and windows is often full of monograms. It may be IHS: the Latin words for Jesus, Saviour of Mankind; or INRI: Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews above the figure of our Lord on the cross. And this month, the Chi-Rho: the first two letters of Christ in Greek with the X superimposed on the P. Placed inside a wreath it is a symbol of the Resurrection.

This month we celebrate that victory and proclaim that we are an Easter people. That good news shines out to the world, just as the Paschal Candle fills the darkened church with its light at the Easter Vigil. And just as this month's art shows the Chi-Rho filling a page from the Book of Kells - that amazing creation of the scribes and artists in the monastery of Iona in the 8th century.

This Gospel book was taken to Kells in Ireland to escape invaders ravaging the island in a later century, and is now in Trinity College, Dublin. The Chi-Rho begins the Latin text of Matthew chapter 1, verse 18: 'Christi autem generatio.' The letter X dominates the page and P lies beneath with I rising through it. The opening letters of the name of our Saviour have inspired the artist to create intricate patterns that weave in and out. We see wheels within wheels, like Ezekiel's chariot, spirals and discs. The page seems alive with colour and tracery threading its way through and around the letters.

When we were younger we might have enjoyed doodling - perhaps embellishing the letters of our own name or of someone special with decorations and so making that name precious. Here in this page of the Book of Kells is embellishment of a greater order, but with the same aim. For the monastic artist, the Chi-Rho announces the name of Christ as the name above all other names: the only name under heaven given for our health and salvation.

Billy Graham - godly man with a simple message

Billy Graham, the renowned American evangelist, was remembered with great fondness by Christians the world over when news of his death was announced on Wednesday 21st February. He died peacefully in his sleep, aged 99.



Billy Graham leaves a unique legacy: he preached to more people in live audiences than anyone else in history - nearly 215 million of them, in 185 countries and territories. Hundreds of millions more were reached through television, video, film and webcasts.

Born William Franklin Graham on 7th November 1918, four days before the Armistice ended World War I, Billy Graham was reared on a dairy farm in Charlotte, N.C. He grew up during the Depression, working hard on the family farm.

In late 1934, when he was 15, Billy Graham was converted to Christianity through the ministry of Mordecai Ham, a travelling evangelist, who visited Charlotte for a series of revival meetings. He was ordained in 1939 by Peniel Baptist Church in Palatka, Fla. (a church in the Southern Baptist Convention) and studied at Florida Bible Institute (now Trinity College of Florida) and Wheaton College Illinois, before going into the ministry. He also married a fellow student, Ruth McCue Bell, daughter of a missionary surgeon to China.

Billy Graham's gift of evangelistic preaching was evident early on, but it was the 1949 Los Angeles Crusade which vaulted him into the public eye. He astonished the churches and people of Los Angeles by drawing 350,000 people over eight weeks, and leading 3,000 of them to make decisions for Christ. In the nearly 60 years of ministry that followed, Billy Graham preached the gospel in nearly every corner of the world. His last 'crusade' was at Flushing Meadow in New York in 2005.

Many Christians in the UK can trace their own faith in God back to Billy Graham's crusade to Harringay in 1954, or Earls Court in 1966 or 1967, or to Mission England, in 1984, as well as other, shorter visits. Hundreds of men went for ordination because of his preaching.

Billy Graham's son, Franklin, writes: 'My father's journey of faith on earth has ended. He has been reunited with my mother and has stepped into the eternal joy of Heaven in the presence of his Saviour, in whom he placed his hope.'

For more details on Billy Graham's life, please visit www.billygraham.org.uk

The road to Emmaus - one of the best short stories in the world

The story of the two disciples walking the road between Jerusalem and Emmaus on the first Easter day is 'one of the immortal short stories of the world' (W. Barclay).

Their encounter with the risen Christ is also a model for how we can meet him in our lives. (You can find the story in Luke 24: 13 -35)

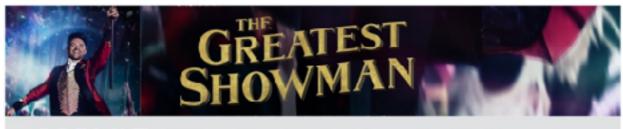
Hearts Opened. The disciples displayed 'downcast' faces (17), as their hearts were preoccupied with grief. They felt let down by God, as well as bewildered by all they had heard.

No doubt their emotions prevented them from recognising Jesus walking with them, even though their hearts burned within them. Despite our feelings, Jesus is still with us in situations of loss or desolation, as well as when we feel let down by God or other people.

Minds Opened. Although this pair knew the Scriptures, they didn't understand what they said about the Christ. Therefore, Jesus opened their minds to make sense of the events they were experiencing. The Holy Spirit also brings God's word alive for us, as He challenges our preconceptions about Jesus.

Eyes Opened The couple only recognised Jesus when He broke the bread as they ate together. The turning point came when they invited Jesus into their home, and allowed Him to take charge. If we are to recognise Jesus' presence with us, we need to open our lives to Him. What part does Holy Communion play in this?

Open eyes, minds and hearts will lead to open mouths. Having discovered Jesus, the disciples can't keep the news to themselves. The Christian message is never truly ours until we have opened our mouths and shared it with others!



MOMENTS

MOVIE Nick and Carol Pollard from EthosMedia.org share thought-provoking reflections on the latest films.

This is me

'No-one ever made a difference by being like everyone else.' This is a great line in the powerful film The Greatest Showman, which calls us to reconsider our attitudes to difference.

It tells something of the real story of Phineas T Barnum, who never actually said the phrase infamously attributed to him: 'there's a sucker born every minute'. But he did say (in a speech to the Connecticut State



Legislature in 1865): 'A human soul, that God has created and Christ died for, is not to be trifled with... amid all assumptions of caste, it will in due time vindicate the great fact that, without regard to colour or condition, all men are equally children of the common Father.'

This vision is conveyed in *This is Me*, one of the most powerful songs in the film (amazingly written during an overnight flight on the way to pitch the movie to a studio. The lyrics describe someone previously hiding in the dark: 'I've learned to be ashamed of all my scars. Run away, they say. No one will love you as you are.', but now emerging into the light: 'I am brave, I am bruised, I am who I'm meant to be... I'm not scared to be seen, I make no apologies, this is me.'



These are inspirational words. And they inevitably raise the question why all people should have worth. Does our significance derive from being valued subjectively by the society in which we live? Or is there an objective basis for the value of all people? As we seek to answer those questions, perhaps we should consider the real Barnum's statement that all of us are equally children of the common Father.



EthosMedia.org provides free resources to help people explore spiritual, moral, social and cultural issues through the latest feature films.



Calming the storm

I was telling my children the story of when Jesus and the disciples were in a boat, crossing the Sea of Galilee, and a storm came up and threatened to sink them. I went on: 'Meanwhile, Jesus had fallen asleep in the stern. So, the disciples, scared of drowning, went back and woke Jesus, hoping He could save them. Then Jesus woke up and said, "Be quiet..." To which my son interjected, 'because I'M TRYING TO SLEEP!'

When you mix children and religion...

You get some unexpected gems. The following are extracts from religious exam papers...

In the first book of the Bible, Guinness, God got tired of creating the world, so he took the Sabbath off.

Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was Joan of Ark, because Noah built an ark. The animals came on in pears.

The Jews are God's chosen people, but throughout history they've had trouble with unsympathetic Genitals.

Moses led the Jews to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread which is bread without any ingredients.

The Seventh Commandment is: Thou shalt not admit adultery.

Moses died before he ever reached Canada.

Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.

Jesus enunciated the golden rule, which says do unto others before they do one to you. He also explained a man doth not live by sweat alone.

The people who followed the Lord were called the twelve decibels.

St Paul cavorted to Christianity down the Damascus Road. There he preached holy acrimony, which is another name for marriage.

Phonecall

In the days before WW 2, phonecalls cost two pence. 'Can you lend me tuppence to ring a friend?' a widely disliked MP once asked Winston Churchill. The great man scoured his pockets. 'Here's four pence,' he said. 'Ring them all.'

A couple of one-liners

Behind every successful man is a surprised mother-in-law.

My mouth doesn't seem to have a backspace key.

Just for fun! The open haptism patty worked up to Are you sure the Guinness Book Of Records people will turn up.Vicar?

All in the month of April

175 years ago, on 5th April 1843 that Hong Kong was proclaimed a British crown colony. (Hong Kong had been ceded to Britain in perpetuity in the Treaty of Nanking, signed in August 1842, at the end of the First Opium War.)

100 years ago, on 1st April 1918 that Britain's Royal Air Force (RAF) was founded when the Royal Flying Corps and the Royal Naval Air Service merged.

Also 100 years ago, on 21st April 1918 that Manfred von Richthofen ('The Red Baron'), German WW1 fighter ace, was shot down in France, aged 25.

90 years ago, on 25th April 1928 that the first budget was broadcast in the UK. Chancellor of the Exchequer Winston Churchill's annual budget speech in the House of Commons was broadcast live on BBC radio.

80 years ago, on 9th April 1938 that the first football match was broadcast on television: Scotland beat England 1 - 0.

75 years ago, on 5th April 1943 that the renowned German theologian and anti-Nazi dissident Dietrich Bonhoeffer was arrested by the Gestapo. He was imprisoned for 18 months, including two Nazi concentration camps. He was executed in April 1945.

70 years ago, on 7th April 1948 that The World Health Organisation was founded.

Also 25 years ago, on 29th April 1993 that Queen Elizabeth 2 announced that Buckingham Palace would open to the public for the first time, to raise funds to repair fire damage at Windsor Castle.

25 years ago, on 30th April 1993 that Cern, the creators of the World Wide Web, announced that it could be used for free by anyone.

20 years ago, on 10th April 1998 that The Good Friday Agreement was signed in Northern Ireland.

Diary of a Momentous Year: April 1918: 'Stand firm and fight it out'

April 1918 was possibly the last really low point in the War for the Allies. Casualties remained high - indeed, so high that it was felt necessary to extend conscription (compulsory military service) to all men up to the age of 50. There were setbacks on the Western Front, too. Another German operation, bizarrely named 'Georgette', was initially successful, pushing the front line back across the river Lys and capturing the towns of Armentieres and Merville.

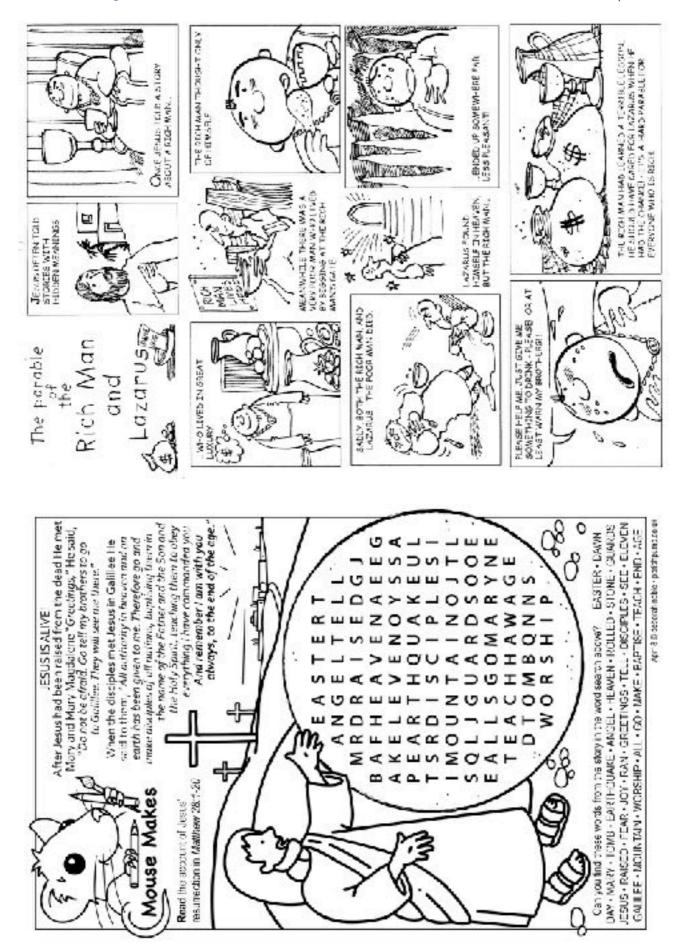
Mind you, those names are evidence of how static this War had become, because they had been part of the battle zone almost throughout the war. By the end of the month, and at great cost, some of this territory was recaptured. Field Marshall Haig issued a rather desperate call in a 'Backs to the Wall' speech, calling on the troops to 'stand firm and fight it out'. There was at a high level a certain element of panic. Could the whole thing be lost after all those years of sacrifice?

Outwardly, Germany seemed surprisingly buoyant. They invaded Finland and had military gains in Russia, taking the city of Kharkov. Their Operation Michael in France had also had some success. No wonder the Secretary of State for War, Lord Derby, resigned, to be replaced by Lord Milner. British generals and politicians were apparently unaware that the morale of the German people was falling, as international trade collapsed and the cost of the war began to bite. In fact the 'Michael' campaign ended in defeat at the battle of Ancre. The pattern of the War hadn't really changed: gains and losses were simply part of the stalemate, and both sides were approaching exhaustion.

There was, however, one historic first for Britain in this month, the birth of the Royal Air Force. I had an uncle who was in the Royal Flying Corps, which, with the Royal Naval Air Service, was now amalgamated in one fighting force. As if to mark the birth of the RAF, the most outstanding German pilot of the war, Manfred von Richthausen - known as the 'Red Baron' - was shot down and killed over the Somme. In the aerial dog-fights which were now a feature of the war, he had shot down no less than eighty British planes.

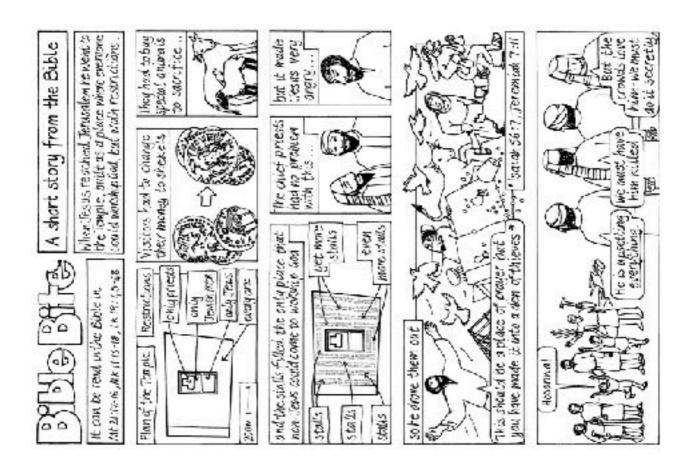
On 18th April 1918, the first of the 50-year-old men were recruited. How long would they serve, people wondered? In fact, by the time they finished their training, the war would be over.





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Benefice Diary - April 2018



Sunday 1st April - Easter Day

| 9.30 am | Holy Eucharist | Wykeham |
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| 9.30 am | Easter Service | Hutton Buscel |
| 11.00 am | Easter Service | Snainton |
| 11.00 am | All Age Eucharist | Brompton |
| 2.30 pm | Holy Eucharist | Langdale End |

Sunday 8th April - Easter 2

| 8.00 am | BCP Communion | Hutton Buscel |
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| 9.30 am | Holy Eucharist | Wykeham |
| 11.00 am | Holy Eucharist | Snainton |
| 11.00 am | BCP Matins & AGM | Brompton |

Monday 9th April

| 2.00 pm | Mothers Union | Snainton Chapel |
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6.30 pm BUDS Downe Arms, Wykeham

Wednesday 11th April

7.00 pm Ordination Service Hutton Buscel

Sunday 15th April - Easter 3

10.30 am Benefice Eucharist Brompton

Tuesday 19th April

7.00 pm Wykeham PCC Vicarage

Thursday 19th April

6.30 pm Wykeham AGM Wykeham

Sunday 22nd April - Easter 4

| 8.00 am | BCP Communion | Brompton |
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| 9.30 am | Holy Eucharist | Snainton |
| 11.00 am | Holy Eucharist | Wykeham |
| 6.30 nm | BCP Evensong & AGM | Hutton Busc |

Sunday 29th April - Easter 5

10.30 am Benefice Eucharist Hutton Buscel

Sunday 6th May - Easter 6

| 8.00 am | BCP Communion | Snainton |
|----------|----------------|---------------|
| 9.30 am | Holy Eucharist | Hutton Buscel |
| 11.00 am | Holy Eucharist | Brompton |
| 2.30 pm | Evening Prayer | Langdale End |
| 6.30 pm | BCP Evensong | Wykeham |



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