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Editor : Jane Carwithen (782185) or email janeacarwithen@gmail.com
 Items to be with the Editor for the next edition by NOON on 25th of the month

The Cross and Beyond...

Revd Nick Munday

‘March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb,’ the old farmer’s expression goes. It’s a changeable month for sure, with the capacity for frosts and ice and storms, but also the hope of warmer things on their way – buds on flowers, leaves on trees. With the longer, lighter days, everything begins to grow green again, as in the lovely hymn:

Now the green blade rises, from the buried grain,
 Wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;
 Love lives again that with the dead has been:
 Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

This March also contains the kernel of the Christian story. It starts in Lent, the 40 days when we recall Jesus’ testing time in the wilderness as he, and we, prepare for Holy Week. There’s a brief respite on Mothering Sunday/Mothers’ Day on 10th, an opportunity to thank God for the care of our mothers and of ‘Mother Church’. And then Jesus heads to Jerusalem for Holy Week – Palm Sunday (24th) when he is welcomed into the city; Maundy Thursday (28th), the day Jesus says farewell to his disciples at the Last Supper and institutes the service of Holy Communion; before he dies on the cross, on Good Friday (29th).

I once heard of a vicar who was asked to give a school assembly about Holy Week. ‘But please don’t mention the crucifixion,’ the head teacher said. ‘It’s too violent for the children.’ But that suffering, that violence, is just the point. Jesus was tested, like us, in the wilderness. Jesus, who Christians believe was human as well as God, actually died for us. Although he was innocent, he was viciously tortured and nailed to a cross. Don’t we recognize the similar suffering of so many innocents in troubled places of the world today, especially in recent months? But Jesus’ death was not the end. (Ctd on page 3)

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Welcome

FORTHCOMING CHURCH SERVICES MARCH

Sun 3 March	9.00am	Said Holy Communion at St Peter's
Lent 3	10.30am	Choral Holy Communion at St Mary's (ZOOM'd)
	3.00pm	Evensong at St Peter's
Wed 6 March	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Mary's
Sun 10 March	9.00am	Said Holy Communion at St Mary's
Mothering Sunday	10.30am	Holy Communion at All Saints, Souldrop
Lent 4	10.30am	Choral Holy Communion at St Peter's (ZOOM'd)
	3.00pm	Faith Explorers at St Mary's
Wed 13 March	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Peter's
Sun 17 March	9.00am	Said Holy Communion at St Peter's
Lent 5	10.30am	Choral Holy Communion at St Mary's (ZOOM'd)
	3.00pm	Evensong at St Peter's
Wed 20 March	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Mary's
Sun 24 March	9.00am	Said Holy Communion at St Mary's
Palm Sunday	10.30am	Choral Holy Communion at St Peter's (ZOOM'd)
Thurs 28 March	11.00am	Chrim Eucharist St Albans Abbey
Maundy Thursday	7.30pm	Holy Communion of the Last Supper at St Peter's
Fri 29 March	9.40am	Walk of Witness SUS to Sharnbrook Village
Good Friday		Green and Service at 10am
	12.00pm	Stations of the Cross at St Peter's
	7.00pm	The Cross of Christ at All Saints, Souldrop
Sat 30 March	8.00pm	Service of Light and Renewal of Baptism Vows at St Mary's
Holy Saturday		

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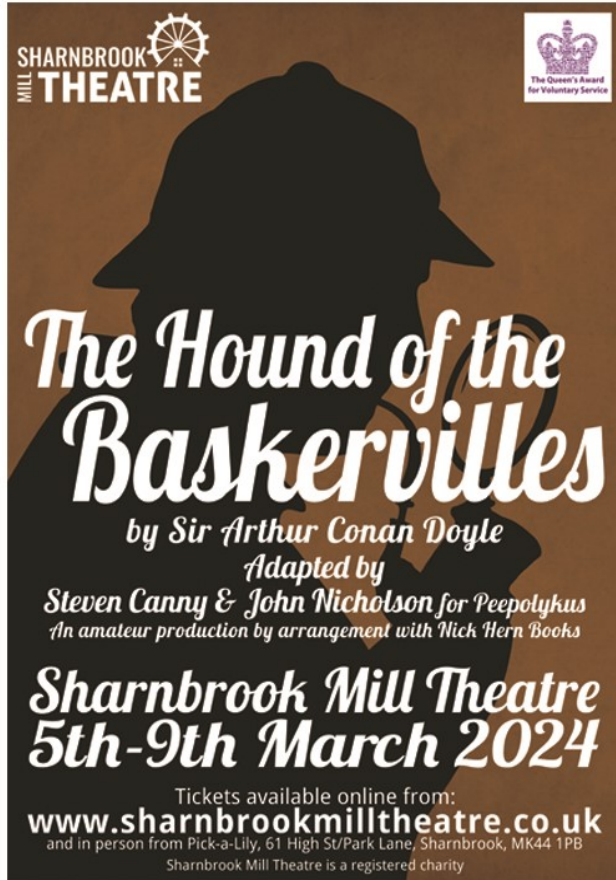
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(Ctd from page 1) On Easter Day (31st), he rose again – destroying death and opening God’s heaven for us human beings. That violent day, Good Friday, is ‘good’ precisely because Jesus wasn’t overcome by violence – he overcame it instead three days later.

Christians don’t pretend that life has no testing or suffering, grief or pain. We know that’s not the case. But we believe that Jesus goes with us in and through our trials, and will in due course bring us out the other side. That is the kernel of our faith. And that’s why, despite the temptations of Lent and the suffering of Holy Week and Good Friday, the Easter story is the joy of our lives. And if this March you are going through hard times, perhaps you can feel something of that Easter hope, that ‘Love will come again, like wheat that springs up green.’

Online Link for Church Services
<https://zoom.us/j/763110804> The Password is: 079014



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Every Wednesday and
Friday at 9pm
until
Wednesday 27 March
on Zoom

SERVICES ON EASTER DAY

Sun 31 March	10.30am	Choral Easter Communion at St Mary’s, St Peter’s, and All Saints, Souldrop
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Cadent's film focusing on Bedfordshire homelessness charity reaches finals of national Charity Film Awards!

Bedfordshire homelessness charity Emmaus Village Carlton is celebrating after a film it features in has reached the **finals of The Smiley Movement's Charity Film Awards.**

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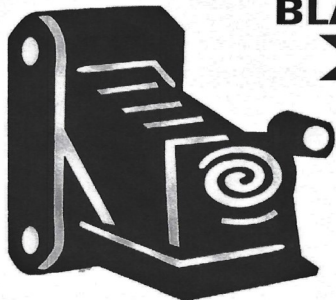
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or via

Zoom [on](#)

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Meeting ID: 763 110 804 Passcode: 079014

Continuing on

Tuesday 5 Mar 2024 7:30pm

Tuesday 12 Mar 2024 7:30pm

Tuesday 19 Mar 2024 7:30pm



Coffee Morning: Saturday 2nd March

Jane Wells

The coffee morning for March to raise funds for the Restoration Fund at St Mary's Church, Felmersham, will be at the home of Chris and Maggie Spoor, **Corn Cottage, Church End, Felmersham at 10.30am on Saturday 2nd March.**

There will be a small raffle, plenty of chatter, coffee, tea and biscuits.
Everyone welcome.

LUNCH TOGETHER

Maggie Spoor, Jane Wells, Jane Rhodes

Once more we had a successful soup-and-sandwich lunch at The Sun and again our thanks to Pete for being so willing to put this on for us. The next Lunch Together will be on **Friday 15th March at 12.30pm.**

Please be prompt in ringing Jane R on 782138 in order to book your place; we have to let Pete know the numbers on the Wednesday before at the latest.

We look forward to seeing you.



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Felmersham Monday 4 March

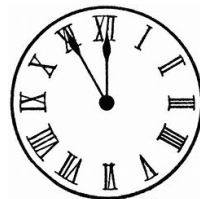
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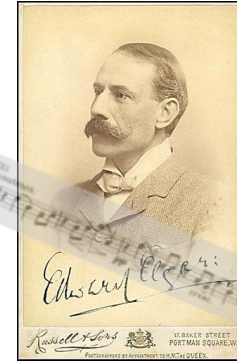
When do the clocks go forward?

Easter Sunday 31 March

The clocks always go forward by one hour on the final Sunday of March, which means that in 2024 they will change on **Easter Sunday 31 March.**



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