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*April 2025*      *News*



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**A letter from the Revd. Canon Alyson Davie**

**What did happen between Good Friday and Easter Sunday?**

This year the Christian Church celebrates Easter Sunday on 20 April. At the heart of Easter is the resurrection of Jesus. The earliest account of Jesus' resurrection can be found in the gospel of Matthew and his account contains a paradox.

In Matthew chapter 27 and verses 51-53 the death of Jesus on the cross is immediately followed by the breaking open of the tombs of the dead saints in Jerusalem. The holy dead rise from their tombs because in the death of Jesus, death itself has been slain as a result of his perfect self-sacrificing obedience to his Father's will.

However, this victory is only truly demonstrated when Jesus himself is raised from the tomb in chapter 28 verses 1-10. This is significant for us because we too live in an **'in between time'**.

Death has been defeated by Jesus Christ, and like the dead saints in Jerusalem we have been rescued from the power of death as a result, but we will only truly see the truth of this when Jesus Christ returns in glory at the end of time and the bodies of the dead are raised.

In this **'in between time,'** which Christians recall on Holy Saturday (the name traditionally given to the day between Good Friday and Easter Sunday) it might appear that nothing is happening, just as it might seem that nothing of significance happens in Matthew's gospel between Jesus' death and resurrection.

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However, in Matthew something significant does happen because the stories of the women, of Joseph of Arimathea and the setting of a guard at the tomb, all point forward to the truth of the resurrection.

The women and Joseph are all witnesses that Jesus is truly dead and buried and the setting of a guard is a way of preventing anyone stealing the body. This sets the scene for what comes later by emphasising that what takes place on Easter Sunday is the miraculous return to life of the Jesus who was really dead.

We live in a world where many think that there is nothing after death. Death can be postponed but not defeated.

However, the story that Matthew tells is that God will step into that situation and bring the dead (including us) fully back to life at the end of time, just as he brought the dead Jesus fully back to life on Easter Sunday. That gives each one of us hope for the future both in this world and beyond.

It certainly did for Jesus' followers who had been heartbroken about his death, but who on Sunday morning at the tomb heard this message from the angels.

'He is not here; he has risen, just as he said'. Matthew chapter 28 verse 6, and that leads us to what we celebrate as Christians on Easter Sunday. A risen Saviour who has defeated death and thus made it possible, when we die, for us to be with him forever.

Wishing you a Happy Easter  
Alyson Davie

## **THE TUESDAY** **POP-IN**



**Meetings are held at the Leather Bottle on the second Tuesday of the month from 10.30 till 12 noon; all are welcome to join us for a relaxed chat and coffee.**

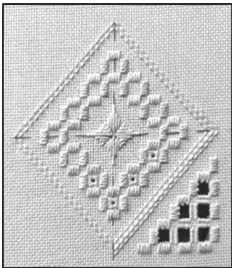
**Next pop-in Tues 8th April**

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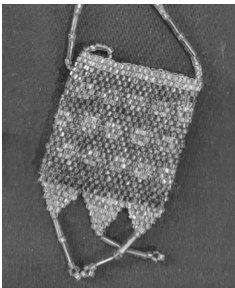


## North Kent Embroiderers

Hello everyone, we had two mini workshops on offer at our last meeting. The first one was to learn about Hardanger embroidery with Veronica and the second one was trying the art of beading with Sue D. Hardanger embroidery is a style that is traditionally used in Norway (although it is said to originate in Asia). It is worked on an evenweave cotton or linen fabric, usually using white thread. The technique involves counting the threads and stitching to form a pattern as well as cutting some of the threads away as you can see in this example. Cutting the threads requires bravery and concentration is required to ensure that the pattern works successfully!



Those doing beading were taught by Sue how to make an 'amulet purse'. This is a small intricately patterned purse, traditionally worn round the neck and used to carry small personal items such as charms or herbs. These purses are believed to give spiritual protection to the wearer. The members doing this class needed to be very dextrous as the purses and the beads are very tiny, however the developing beadwork looked beautiful.

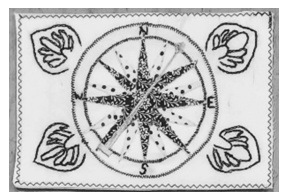


Our mini workshops last all day but those not taking part joined us at our usual time in the afternoon to 'stitch and chat' bringing their own projects along to work on or to ask for advice with. It was lovely to have new visitors joining us. In early February seven members of our group visited Scotney Castle. They went to meet a lady called Ellen Askey James who works there and is currently involved in a project to conserve em-

broideries in The Red Room. Our ladies had a fascinating time helping Ellen with her research and learning how restoration and conservation is done in historic houses.

The theme for our postcard challenge this month was 'monochrome' and you can see one of the examples here. It was interesting to see how many ways the term 'monochrome' could be interpreted from simple black and white to a range of shades of a single colour.

If you would maybe like to start a new hobby and to join our group or would just like to find out a bit more about us then please pay us a visit, look at our website / email : [info@northkentembroiderers.co.uk](mailto:info@northkentembroiderers.co.uk) or contact our Chairman, Eileen on 01474 324734



Happy stitching, Karen All photos with permission.



**1<sup>st</sup> Cobham Brownies**  
**(Tuesday evenings during term time only at The Meadow Rooms, Cobham)**

**At Brownies, we welcome all girls from 7 to 10 years old** for non-stop fun, learning and adventure. Brownies get to explore their creative side, get out into the great outdoors, and start to learn to look after themselves, others and the world we live in.

Please email Wendy Ostridge ([wendy.minister@googlemail.com](mailto:wendy.minister@googlemail.com)) if you would like more information about 1<sup>st</sup> Cobham Brownies or register your interest through the Girlguiding website at [www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus/](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus/) and selecting 1<sup>st</sup> Cobham Brownies.

We look forward to meeting new members.

**Luddesdown & District Rights of Way Group.**

We are a small friendly group that usually walks from The Cock Inn, Henley Street, Luddesdown, Gravesend DA13 0XB, at 11am on Wednesdays. We walk at a gentle pace for some 90 minutes in beautiful countryside. Occasionally we lead weekend walks.

With four Socials a year in Luddesdown Village Hall and a twice yearly Newsletter, we would be delighted if you joined us for a walk or two. Becoming a member costs £7 per person a year.

Please contact Walks Co-ordinator Janet Ferguson, preferably by email [janetferguson@hotmail.fr](mailto:janetferguson@hotmail.fr) . Ian Sheridan, Acting Chairman, 07951 927 517

**St Mary's Church Room, update April 2025**  
**Completion Achieved - Just!!**

With the fitting of the external handrail, the refurbishment project of the Church Room has been accomplished.

Our first regular user group will meet soon and the building will finally, after thirteen years in the planning and nine months in the construction, be handed over to the care of the Parochial Church Council.

The Task Group, responsible for the day to day running will meet very soon and I am pleased to say that Lynn Ruddock, who lives in Sole Street has agreed to become our Bookings Officer. Lynn's details will appear in subsequent newsletters. For the time being, initial contact may be made via me (01474) 814250

The Task Group have to assure that the SMCR becomes financially viable as soon as possible and the standard rates of £12 an hour for village residents (£9.00 an hour for local regular users) are very reasonable for the facilities offered.

The Bishop of Rochester, The Rt Rev Dr Jonathan Gibbs has agreed to conduct a Thanksgiving and Dedication Service at St Mary's Church Room on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30.a.m. In view of the limited space available and the need to invite representatives from the major grant giving bodies this will be a ticketed event.

Once again, may I, on behalf of the Cobham PCC, thank everyone for their generous support, encouragement and patience.

Also on behalf of the village community may I ask that you keep the weekend of 31<sup>st</sup> May 1<sup>st</sup> June free in your diaries for a special Thank You Celebration, Open Gardens and other events, details will be circulated shortly.

Ron Chamberlain.  
PCC Secretary, Cobham



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### **April - Sunshine and showers**

Spring is finally in evidence as daffodils and flowering trees start to bloom. Expect the inevitable April showers this month but with sunny days too you can turn your attention to the lawn. It's an exciting month, with indoor-sown seeds well into growth, and it's also time to start sowing outdoors. Just watch out for frosts. Last month we had a great talk by Steve Edney entitled "The Kitchen Garden" which gave us all some great ideas for growing our own vegetables, flowers and herbs.

If you would like to be inspired to do your own hanging baskets, window boxes or pots then our next talk is for you "Hanging Basket Workshop".

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 7pm in the Meadow Room, Cobham**  
**Hanging Basket Workshop by Liz Jardine** [SEE PAGE 13](#)

**Cobham Gardeners' Society coach trip to RHS Hyde Hall**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June** For more information or to book  
email [cobhamgs@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cobhamgs@hotmail.co.uk) [SEE PAGE 27](#)

### **125 Years Old**

In 2026 our Society will be 125 years old, and we are planning to celebrate, more details to follow later in the year. But in the meantime, if anyone has any photos, details or information on our society can you let us know by email [cobhamgs@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cobhamgs@hotmail.co.uk) We are hoping to produce a booklet detailing the history of our first 125 years!

Here's the RHS Top 10 Jobs for April.

- 1 Keep weeds under control.
- 2 Protect fruit blossom from late frosts.
- 3 Tie in climbing and rambling roses.
- 4 Sow hardy annuals and herb seeds.
- 5 Start to feed citrus plants.
- 6 Increase the water given to houseplants.
- 7 Feed hungry shrubs and roses.
- 8 Sow new lawns or repair bare patches.
- 9 Prune fig trees.
- 10 Divide bamboos and waterlilies.

More advice can be found on the RHS website <https://www.rhs.org.uk/>

You can buy Membership of Cobham Gardeners at any time. You can apply for membership at the talks or via email [cobhamgs@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cobhamgs@hotmail.co.uk) It is only a modest £10 for the year – money you get back from free entry into all Gardeners' expert speaker talks and massive savings of up to 50% on quality plants at local garden centres.

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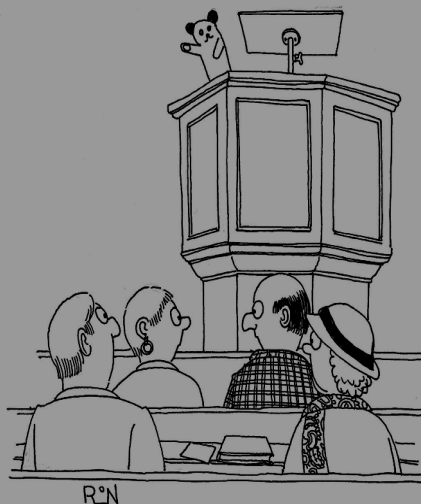
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*They had been promised a Celebrity  
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## SOLE STREET WI



Sole Street WI members are delighted to see the finished renovation of our cherished St Mary's Church Room. We rallied to the request for volunteers for the cleaning of the chairs, tables & crockery when the stored items were returned. Photographed below in presence of Associate Minister The Rev'd Pam Davies and PCC Secretary Ron Chamberlain.



Our President, Yvonne, was our Delegate at the West Kent Federation of Women's Institutes held this year at the Woodville Hall in Gravesend. Four other members also attended this busy and inspiring meeting (so the planned lunch break at "Alto Gusto" was a very, very rushed affair).

On 25th April our Institute are participating in the Great UK WaterBlitz for Earthwatch Europe. This is a follow up test of freshwater to the one we carried out in the autumn to help build up a national picture of water quality across the UK. The experiment involves taking samples of water from the River Darent then using test tubes to measure amounts of nitrates and phosphates and uploading the results for the national survey.

Our main meeting on Tuesday 27th May will be our AGM at 7.30pm in the St Mary's Church Room when members focus on resolutions and Institute business going forward. Weekly meetings for local walks continue every Tuesday. For further information on this/any other WI activities tel. Yvonne 01474 813455  
Molly Isaacs

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## Wednesday 14th May 2025 - 7pm Hanging Basket Workshop

**Liz Jardine** demonstrates how to plant a hanging basket and gives tips on how to maintain it through out the Summer, so you will be the envy of your neighbours. If you would like to plant your own whilst watching Liz please email us for a list of recommended plants. The same principles of planting a hanging basket can be applied to window boxes and pots.

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TWO WOMEN EVENTS

### **Forthcoming TWO Women events**

24<sup>th</sup> April – China Crisis (see back page)

15<sup>th</sup> May - Oasis (see page 27)

12th June Fil Straughan

5th July PARTY IN THE PARK

24th July Abba Revival

16th October The Bon Jovi Experience

6th November Fleetwood Bac

27th November Totally Blondie

### **Remembering Iris White**

Iris Lilian White passed away on 6 February 2025 aged 95. Born in Barking in 1929, she was evacuated during the war to Oxford. When she married Richard, after a brief time in Canada, they moved to Kent, first New Barn then on to Sole Street, where Iris lived for over 50 years. She remained active with Bowls until more recently, and was a stalwart member of the Monday club. Her cremation took place on 13 March 2025 at Thamesview Crematorium. Later she will join her husband of 60 years Richard John White in Cobham churchyard.

Iris leaves behind children, grandchildren and now great-grandchildren.

We all feel blessed to have had her in our lives.

Thank you to everyone who took time with her.

Laraine





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## **BELL RINGING by Peter Hartley**

The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme has introduced many thousands of youngsters to new interests and two are with us in the Cobham church tower. Bell ringing can be taken to any level and ringers continue to learn the art and science of bell ringing as they pursue their hobby. We are all learners, if not as able in my eighties.

So what goes on in the Cobham, and any, church tower? Our medieval tower, the work of the King's master mason Henry Yevele, is firm and robust. It is entered by an external door and after climbing up the 36 stone steps of the spiral stair you reach the ringing room.

In the ringing room hang our 6 ropes each with their green, yellow and white woollen 'sally'. The ropes hang in a circle. In the room above, the bell chamber, are our 6 bells four of which are 17<sup>th</sup> century. The bells are hung on a 1994 steel frame. Each bell has a big wheel to which the bell rope is attached. Also there is a wooden stay and slider mechanism, explanation to follow.

Bells hang safely in the down position with their mouths facing downwards. To ring the first, tricky, task is to raise the bells by pulling on the ropes and with the leverage of the wheels the bells are finally facing upwards with their mouths up and the stay resting against the slider to prevent the bell going right over.

The first task of the teacher is to help the learner to achieve correct and skilled rope handling for then bell control is mastered and good striking results. Outside clean striking is the most significant sound heard. By control of the rope the bell is pulled off the balance, handstroke, and swings through 360° and then with backstroke back to its original position having sounded twice. Bell handling takes a while to master but once achieved, like cycling, it is a skill never forgotten and can be returned to at any time in life.

Bell ringing always starts with rounds and ends with rounds. That is each of the six ringers pull their bell off the balance in order – 1, the lightest bell always called the treble, 2, 3, 4, 5, and finally 6, the heaviest and deepest sounding and always called the tenor (ours weighs 13 cwt). The order 'stand' is given and the bells are carefully settled in the up position with the stay resting gently against the slider.

Perhaps time for a rest from this practice session. The bells, probably in peal and not easy, are lowered and left in the safe position with their mouths facing downwards. Down the spiral stair and out into the churchyard. The snowdrops are over and the daffodils coming. Spring is on the way.

St John's Meopham with St Mildred's Nurstead  
Church Services April 2025



Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 10am Holy Communion at St John's Centre

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April 9.45am All Age Worship at St John's  
11.30am Holy Communion at St Mildred's  
Followed by Annual Meetings

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 10am Holy Communion at St John's Centre

**Holy Week**

Palm Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April 9.45am Holy Communion at St John's  
11.30am Mattins at St Mildred's

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 10am Holy Communion at St John's Centre

Maundy Thursday  
17<sup>th</sup> April

7.30pm Holy Communion at St John's Church  
for all four churches

Good Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April 10am Walk of Witness starting at St John's  
2pm An Hour by the Cross at St Mildred's  
3pm Family Good Friday event at St John's

Easter Sunday  
20<sup>th</sup> April

9.45am Easter Holy Communion at St John's  
11.30am Easter Holy Communion at St Mildred's

Weds 23<sup>rd</sup> April **NO** 10am Holy Communion at St John's Centre

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April 9.45am Morning Worship at St John's  
11.30am Family Service at St Mildred's

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 10am Holy Communion at St John's Centre

**Cobham, Luddesdowne and Sole Street**  
**Church Services during April**



**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April**

**10:30am Holy Communion (BCP), Luddesdowne**

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April (Palm Sunday)**

**10:30am Morning Worship, Cobham**

**Maundy Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

**7:30pm Holy Communion, St John's Meopham**  
***(All Churches together)***

**Good Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

**2pm An hour at the cross, Luddesdowne**

**Easter Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April**

**10:30am Holy Communion, Luddesdowne**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April**

**10:30am Holy Communion, Cobham**

**Midweek services in Sole Street**

**St Mary's Church Room, Informal Morning Prayer**

**9:30am 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> April**

## 1<sup>st</sup> South Street Boys Brigade and Girls Association

The 1<sup>st</sup> **South Street BBGA Company** meets every Friday evening during term time 6pm-7.30pm at South Street Baptist Church, Wrotham Road, Meopham, DA13 0QJ (*next to Hope Hill*). The Easter holidays are on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> April. Boys and girls aged 5-18 years are warmly invited to join us for games, art, craft, cooking, Bible stories, nature, science activities and outdoor activities when weather permits. The weekly subscription is £2 and the uniform is a navy blue polo shirt and sweatshirt with an embroidered logo. Kayaking, canoeing and stand-up paddle boarding take place at the Boys Brigade Water Activities Centre in Tonbridge and there are summer camps at the Honey Hill Boys Brigade Campsite in Maidstone. Please visit [www.BOYS-BRIGADE.org.uk](http://www.BOYS-BRIGADE.org.uk) for more information about Boys Brigade. **South Street Baptist Church** Sunday morning services at all begin at 10.45am and finish about midday, with refreshments afterwards. The Family Service and BBGA Church Parade is on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April and everyone is welcome. **Song time** meets every Monday morning 9.45am-11am for families with babies and toddlers under five. The beginning of term is on 28<sup>th</sup> April. There are plenty of toys, including a slide, soft shapes, ball pool, construction toys, musical instruments, singing and refreshments. Family admission is £1. Please visit [www.southstreetbaptist.org.uk](http://www.southstreetbaptist.org.uk) for more information about all the activities at the church or ring 01474 815039.

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## **LUDESLOW PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Meetings will be held at 7.30pm on a Monday  
Annual Parish Meeting on 17th March 2025 and the  
Annual Meeting on Monday 19th May 2025  
All Meetings will be taking place at Luddesdown Village Hall.

**<http://www.luddesdown-pc.gov.uk/community/luddesdown-parish-council/>**

## **COBHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2025**

All meetings will start at 7.30pm

- 1st April - St Mary's Church Room
- 15<sup>th</sup> April 2025 – Annual Parish Assembly - Meadow Room
- 13<sup>th</sup> May 2025 - Annual Parish Meeting - Meadow Room
- 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2025
- 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025
- 9<sup>th</sup> September 2025
- 7<sup>th</sup> October 2025
- 4<sup>th</sup> November 2025
- 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2025 – Budget Meeting

**<http://www.cobham-kent-pc.gov.uk/>**



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**Meopham Library Writing Group** meets again on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025 at 10am. Every month, there is a different writing theme such as “April Fool”, which can be used as a starting point for a poem, short story or an article and there is also a writing challenge. Visitors and new members, whether beginners or more experienced writers, are always very welcome and anyone who is interested in writing is warmly invited to join our small, friendly group. Creative writing is a very enjoyable activity, which can also be used to record special family memories. It is also very helpful for people who are facing challenging times or bereavement.

Please ring 01474 813379 for more information, or just turn up at Meopham Library on 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Further meetings will be on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 5<sup>th</sup> June and 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

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## COBHAM & LUDESDOWN W.I.

'Spring is sprung, the grass is riz' and our WI is looking forward with great anticipation to our annual Spring Show on Wednesday 2nd April, when our members have the opportunity to show everyone their skills with growing and showing flowers, either as single blooms or as arrangements and making and baking preserves, cakes and biscuits. We hope that the sunlight will flood through the south window of the Meadow Room to light up all the beautiful displays that will decorate the hall.

At our March meeting, Sue Oaten came along to inspire everyone with her flower arranging skills and created a number of beautiful arrangements, which were later raffled off. We learnt some useful tips, such as the need to display daffodils on their own because their sap is detrimental to other flowers; cutting stems at an angle so that they take in more water; and not cutting carnation stems at a node, in order to prolong their life. Sue also showed us how to enhance our displays, using such simple things as sticks wound with wool.

Our new, almost completed, banner was also on display. It has been expertly embroidered by Kaye Wren and helpers and has a central emblem depicting 'Friendship', surrounded by the various logos used by the WI since our formation in May 1919.

We have welcomed a number of new members and visitors recently and would be pleased to see lots more. You can come along to any of our meetings as a visitor in the first instance. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month (except August) from 2pm until 4pm in the Meadow Room, The Street, Cobham. Contact our secretary, Jenny Brooker for further information (email: [cobham-ludesdown@wkwfi.org.uk](mailto:cobham-ludesdown@wkwfi.org.uk)).



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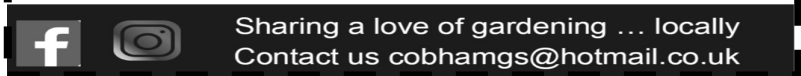


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**Cobham Gardeners' Society  
Visit to RHS Hyde Hall  
Wednesday 4th June 2025**

Cobham Gardeners' Society are organising a trip to RHS Hyde Hall. The cost is only £10 per member and £15 for a non-member, which includes return coach transfer from Cobham and entry to the gardens. The coach will depart Cobham (opposite school) at 9.15am, and leave RHS Hyde Hall late afternoon. To book please email the Society on [cobhamgs@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cobhamgs@hotmail.co.uk) payment is due immediately and is non-refundable.



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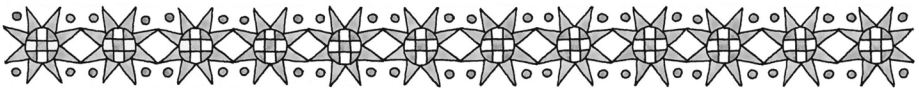
A little man hiding in a tree finds a friend in Jesus



**18 April: Good Friday**  
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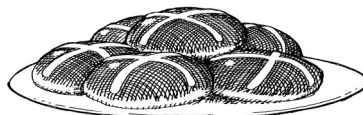


3.00pm on Sunday Afternoons in the St John's Centre: Songs and Stories, Prayers and Games, Activities and Food! For Children up to age 12 and their adults.



Thursday Fellowship.

On 24<sup>th</sup> April we welcome a speaker from the Kent Surrey Sussex Air Ambulance Charity. They last came 2 years ago. They wrote recently asking if we would like to see their new presentation with plans for a 5 year strategy and more stories of how they have offered critical life-saving care. You are all welcome at 2.00.p.m. In the St. John's Centre and we'll have lots of tea and cake!



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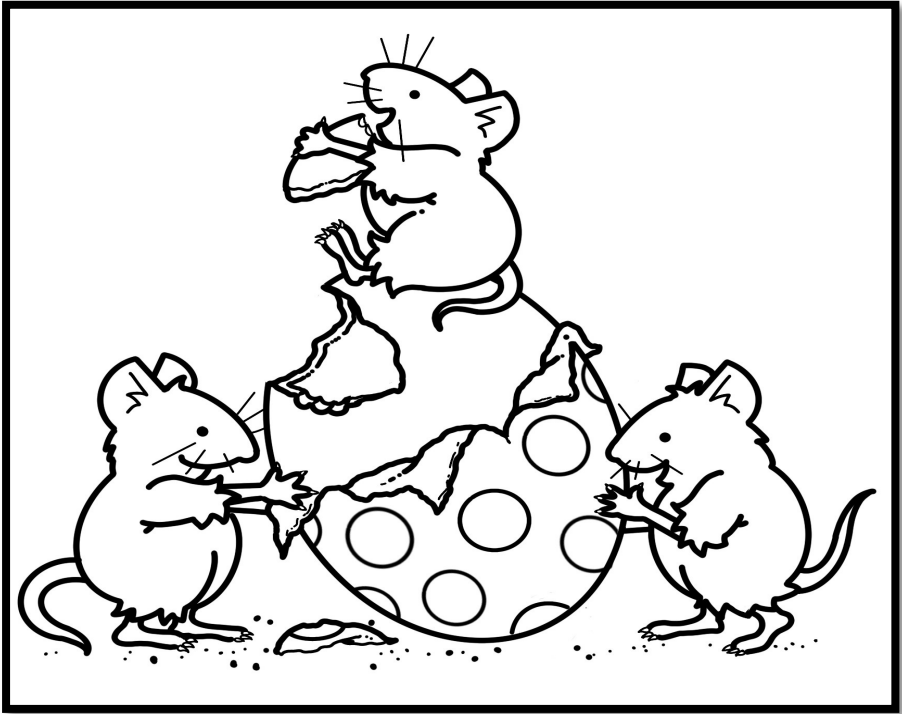
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I hope that you have a wonderful Easter, enjoying lots of chocolate eggs, friends/family time and hopefully many sunny spring days ahead.

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*Don't forget to colour in the picture of the mice and their Easter egg.*

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Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Hallelujah! April brings us to Easter – the crucifixion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ - the triumphant highlight of the Christian year. As St Paul pointed out, unless Jesus really did rise again, our faith is useless, and we may as well forget any hope of heaven or eternal life. But because He does live, we have a sure and certain hope for our future.

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