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April 2026 News



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Learning from C S Lewis about Easter

C S Lewis' book 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe,' is well known as a classic of children's literature. What is not as well known is that a key part of Lewis' purpose in writing the book was to convey Christian truth through the medium of a children's fantasy novel.

One particularly striking example of this fact is the explanation given by the great lion Aslan about why he has come back to life after having let himself be killed by the evil White Witch on a stone table to save Edmund, one of the four children who are the heroes of the story.

Edmund's sister, Susan, asks 'What does it all mean?' and Aslan's reply is:

'It means, that though the witch knew the Deep Magic there was a magic deeper still which she did not know. Her knowledge goes back only to the dawn of time. But if she could have looked a little further back, into the stillness and the darkness before Time dawned, she would have read there a different incantation. She would have known that when a willing victim who had committed no treachery was killed in a traitor's stead, the Table would crack and Death itself would start working backward.'

Lewis describes here what happened at the first Easter. The Bible and our own experience tell us that we are all traitors against God. We have betrayed God by rebelling against his good laws written in our hearts and in the pages of the Bible. In consequence, the 'deep magic,' the law of consequences that God has established, means that we die in soul and body. Our relationship with God is broken and we are subject to physical death.

However, that is not the end of the story. God's eternal plan, his 'deeper magic' has been to do something about this, and this plan was fulfilled when Jesus who, unlike us, had done no wrong, voluntarily took our death upon himself when he died on the cross on Good Friday. This act of willing self-sacrifice broke the power of death, as shown by Jesus' resurrection from the dead on the first Easter day, and this means that all who believe in Jesus have a sure hope that after they die, they will rise to the new life of God's eternal kingdom. That is what Easter is all about.

Come to church, celebrate and find out more!
Wishing you a very Happy Easter. Alyson



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 Caroline Halfpenny “Companion Planting” for vegetables and flowers, which plants enhance the growth, cropping, or vulnerability to pests and diseases, or even 'prepare' the soil for other plants. It was fascinating and we are sure that the 34 plus members/guests that attended are now sowing flowers between their vegetables and rearranging their plots.

But there is still plenty to look forward to in the next month

125 Years of Cobham Gardeners' Society Celebratory Supper
Friday 17th April, 7pm in the Meadow Room See page 16

Wednesday 13th May 6.30pm for 7pm

Interest In The Garden All Year in the Meadow Room See page 5

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 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.



Cobham Gardeners' Society

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Wednesday 13th May 2026 - 7pm Interest In The Garden All Year

Paul Grimmer of Plants N Gardens will talk about how to achieve interest in the garden all year. He will bring with him a selection of topical plants of varying styles and sizes, with a variety of foliage, flower and colour. He will illustrate how the different combination of these can be planted in groups or styles, for different aspects in the garden such as shade, dry, wet or sunny aspects to achieve interest all year

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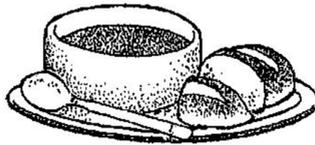


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Thursday Fellowship.

We will be meeting on the Thursday 23rd April at 2.00pm in the St. John's Centre.

We welcome, once again Ms Mel Moss, who is a volunteer for the United Nations review of human rights and is also a Quaker. This time Mel is going to speak to us about her experience as a Quaker, something we haven't heard about before.

We begin with a short time of worship and serve Tea and cake, finishing around 3.45p.m You are very welcome to come along.

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The New Patio

Sarah's marriage to Jeffrey is effectively over, even before he emails her to say he's absconded with fraudulently earned riches. She shows the message to the police, but they find no evidence of the crime. Can she be planning to join him or has she instead formed a liaison with friendly builder Ted, who has just laid her new patio?

By Barry Lambert

By arrangement with Lazy Bee Scripts

Sally's Last Chance

Sally has had no luck with tracing her long-lost father, and is running out of options. Follow her efforts though this tale of hope, which includes some humour from a couple of loveable vagrants, as well as a bittersweet subplot involving a recovering alcoholic. Oh, and of course, a horse and an elephant making their holiday arrangements!

By Paul Amura

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Sole Street WI

On 24th February we were delighted to welcome Christoph Bull, local historian, who transported us back in time with his fascinating talk on Gravesend 100 years ago.



It truly felt like a journey through history as we explored how the riverside town has developed since 1920. Christoph shared a wonderful collection of slides, highlighting a time when industry flourished, roads increased and the ferries were important. He showed us historic buildings that are still standing today, alongside others that have since been replaced or, in some cases, have made way for modern developments — even the odd car park!



We have gratefully received a donation of beautifully crocheted poppies, which will be sent to help restore the '*Standing with Giants*' memorial, in Normandy. These handmade poppies are used to decorate the plinths that support the life-sized silhouettes of soldiers who lost their lives during war.

Our next meeting is **Tuesday 21 April, 1.00pm** – Our Birthday Meal at The Railway Inn, Sole Street. Please remember to confirm if you are coming.

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Dates for your Diary



The dates for the **Cobham Parish Council** meetings are:

Annual Parish Assembly Tuesday 21st April Meadow Rooms at 7.30pm

Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday 12th May Meadow Rooms at 7.30pm

Tuesday 2nd June St Mary's Church Room at 7.30pm

Tuesday 7th July Meadow Rooms at 7.30pm

Tuesday 8th September St Mary's Church Room at 7.30pm

Tuesday 6th October Meadow Rooms at 7.30pm

Tuesday 3rd November St Mary's Church Room at 7.30pm

Tuesday 1st December Meadow Rooms at 7.30pm

The dates for the **Luddesdown Parish Council** meetings are:

Annual Parish Meeting Mon 18th May Luddesdown Village Hall

Monday 20th July Luddesdown Village Hall

Monday 21st September Luddesdown Village Hall

Monday 16th November Luddesdown Village Hall

All meetings start at 7.30p

Sunday Afternoon Club Programme to Easter

3 April: Good Friday

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Those of us who are avid fans of TV programmes like 'Bargain Hunt', 'Antiques Roadshow' and 'Antiques Road Trip' thought we knew all there was to know about antiques and collectibles until the extremely erudite and knowledgeable Janie Ramsay showed up at our February meeting, with her talk 'For What It's Worth'. Janie had brought along with her a variety of items and told us how important it is for the accurate valuation of any item, to establish its age, condition, quality, rarity and provenance.

Janie demonstrated how you can get the best price for an antique by haggling with a shop owner or dealer and the possible pitfalls of using an auction house, particularly when their commission is deducted from the eventual selling price. We then had to guess which items were the oldest, rarest, and the most valuable and which was a fake. The latter turned out to be a small religious icon, which although appearing to be ancient, had been made recently and artificially 'aged'. The most valuable one was a beautiful Tiffany Art Nouveau hand mirror.

In sharp comparison, our March meeting was graced with the presence of Miss Cherry Bomb, AKA Lindsey Barrell, who gave her talk entitled 'Burlesque – Me and the WI', fully dressed in her bright red and black Burlesque outfit Lindsey gave us some hilarious accounts of her foray into the world of Burlesque and how she inspired other WI members to take part, even though some were brave enough to don their corsets and tights but not brave enough to walk across the car park from their car without the comfort of a long raincoat buttoned up to the neck and with a hood over their head.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 1st April. This will be our Spring Show, when members submit their beautiful blooms and scrumptious cookery for judging. We ask visitors to pay a £2 entry fee to our meetings, which includes refreshments and who knows, you may even think about becoming a member of our WI. You would be most welcome. Outside of our monthly meetings we have a number of groups covering a variety of different interests. For further details please email our Secretary, Jenny Brooker at: cobhamluddesdown@wkwfi.org.uk





125 Year Anniversary
1901 - 2026
Cobham Gardeners' Society
FRIDAY 17TH APRIL 2026 CELEBRATORY SUPPER

Come and join us to celebrate 125 years of Cobham Gardeners' Society with a fish & chip supper at the Meadow Rooms.

£15 per person. Price includes a welcome drink from Silverhand Estate, a fish and chip supper, a copy of our anniversary souvenir booklet compiled by Michael Wood detailing the first 125 years of our Society, a presentation by Mike Pickersgill and Michael Wood on the history of the club, plus a chance to mingle and reminisce with fellow society members. Spaces are limited on a first come first served basis. To book please email your name and number of spaces required to cobhamgs@hotmail.co.uk

Meopham Library Writing Group meets again on **Thursday 2nd April 2026 at 10am.**

Each month there is a different writing theme such as "Growth", which can be used as a starting point for a short story, poem or an article. If you are interested in writing, you are warmly invited to join our small, friendly group. New members are always very welcome. Creative writing can be helpful for anyone facing difficult times, as well as being a very enjoyable and sociable activity. It can also be used to record special family memories. Please ring **01474 813379** for more information. Future meetings will be held on 7th May, 4th June and 2nd July.

The **1st South Street Boys Brigade and Girls Association Company** meets at South Street Baptist Church, Wrotham Road, Meopham, DA13 0QJ (next to Hope Hill). Boys and girls aged 5-18 years are invited to join us every Friday evening 6pm-7.30pm during term time for fun, craft and games.

Please visit www.southstreetbaptist.org.uk and www.BOYS-BRIGADE.org.uk for more information or ring **01474 815039** or **01474 813379**.

SONG TIME meets every Monday 9.45am-11am during term time for families with babies and children under five. There are lots of toys, art and craft, musical instruments and singing. **SOUTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH** Sunday morning services start at 10.45am. All welcome.

BELL RINGING by Peter Hartley

Spring is on its way. The odd warmer sunny day has encouraged the plants to push up and bell ringers to plan trips to other church towers. Daffodils were out for St. David's Day and magnolias are bravely opening by the Ides of March.

The bell ringers of Addington, outside Croydon, there with a ring of 6 bells and a 6cwt. tenor, were quick off the mark. On St. Valentines Day of fine weather they came on a mini-tour of three 6 bell North Kent towers. First to Chalk (a nice light ring and good views across the Thames Estuary) and then on to Shorne (long ropes). After lunch they arrived at Cobham, having found their way round the Halfpence Lane closure and appreciated a ring on our bells. Some ringers made time to look round our church and also the College. Like me they enjoy bell ringing but equally important church crawling too.

Glancing through some 2025 Ringing World magazines I see various ringing tours were enjoyed. The Fire Services Guild of ringers rang at two towers in Gwent and six towers in the Forest of Dean. Another group rang on the recent ring of bells at Hugh Town on the Isles of Scilly before a further seventeen towers in westernmost Cornwall. A church toilet with a see-through curtain was memorable. The Barnes ringers had five July days of ringing in nineteen church towers in Suffolk and Norfolk; great energy and dedication.

"It is a truth universally acknowledged that a band of bell ringers is always in want of an excuse for an outing" (with apologies to Jane Austen). The 250th anniversary of the birth of Jane Austen was the excuse for another band of ringers to arrange for a day's ringing at Chawton, Winchester Cathedral, Sherborne St. John, Steventon and Overton – all with links to Jane Austen.

Suddenly it will be April and Maundy Thursday. Annually I think of the late Queen, who would have been 100 this April. Queen Elizabeth II remarkably reigned for a record 70 years and uniquely distributed the Royal Maundy in all 42 English Cathedrals. I remember a good number of those services. The cathedral bells would ring as The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh arrived and departed. After the Civic Luncheon Her Majesty and His Royal Highness would fly back to Windsor Castle and tea. The Cathedral ringers then settled down to ring a full three hour peal in honour of the Royal Visit.

A Happy Easter to all.

St John's Meopham with St Mildred's Nurstead
Church Services April 2026
Holy Week



- Sunday 29 March 10.30am Joint Service of Holy Communion
at Cobham Church
- Weds 1st April 10am Holy Communion at St John's Centre
- Maundy Thursday
2nd April 7.30pm Holy Communion at Luddesdowne
Church for all four churches
- Good Friday
3rd 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
5th April 9.45am Easter Holy Communion at St John's
11.30am Easter Holy Communion at St Mildred's
- Weds 8th April **NO** 10am Holy Communion at St John's Centre
- Sunday 12th April 9.45am Holy Communion at St John's
11.30am Mattins at St Mildred's
- Weds 15th April 10am Holy Communion at St John's Centre
- Sunday 19th April 9.45am Morning Worship at St John's
11.15am Churches Prayer Meeting at St John's Centre
- Weds 22nd April 10am Holy Communion at St John's Centre
- Sunday 25th April 9.45am Holy Communion at St John's
11.30am Family Service at St Mildred's
followed by Annual Meetings
- Weds 29th April 10am Holy Communion at St John's Centre

Cobham, Luddesdowne and Sole Street
Church Services during April 2026



Maundy Thursday 2nd April

7:30pm **Informal Holy Communion, Luddesdowne**
(Joint service for all 4 parishes)

Sunday 5th April - Easter Day

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

Sunday 12th April

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

Sunday 19th April

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

Sunday 26th April

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

Midweek services in Sole Street

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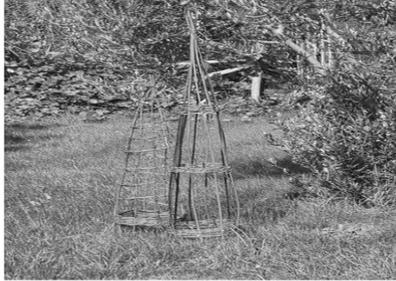
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Workshop - Make Your Own Willow Obelisk
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On the last day of February, we welcomed Christine Seymour Godwin to lead a workshop on needle weaving. This style of embroidery was new to many of our members, so 16 had signed up for the all day workshop. The new techniques needed to create their pieces needed a lot of concentration. Christine brought along some beautiful threads as well as examples of her own work.



The theme was trees, so members could let their imaginations run riot. Some examples of trees used a variety of brown, green and amber threads. However, there were also pink tree trunks being stitched.

Those of us not in the workshop took along a piece of embroidery or knitting and had a sit and stitch afternoon. There was also time for coffee and cake.

Embroidery is a craft that enables each person to stitch in their own style and use a variety of threads and colours. It made for a wonderful variety of pieces being worked on. We will welcome back Christine in April to give a talk on crewel work. Something to look forward to.



If you or someone you know 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 <https://northkentembroiderers.co.uk/>

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Happy stitching, Evelyn

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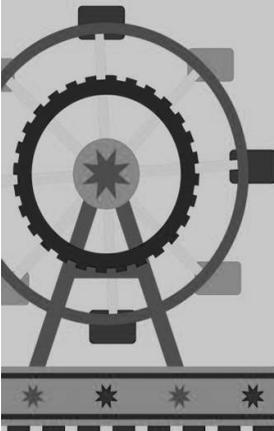
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Easter Story Biscuits

Fun to make with younger family members

Prep. Time: 20 minutes

Total Time: 1 day

Ingredients:

1 cup pecan nuts

1 tsp. vinegar

3 egg whites

1 pinch salt

1 cup sugar

large plastic bag

wooden spoon

tape

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 150C.

Place pecans in the plastic bag and let the children beat them with the wooden spoon to break into small pieces. Explain that after Jesus was arrested, He was beaten by the Roman soldiers. Read John 19:1-3.

Let each child smell the vinegar. Put 1 tsp. vinegar into mixing bowl. Explain that when Jesus was thirsty on the cross, He was given vinegar to drink. Read John 19:28-30.

Add egg whites to vinegar. Eggs represent life. Explain that Jesus gave His life to give us life. Read John 10:10-11.

Sprinkle a little salt into each child's hand. Let them taste it and brush the rest into the bowl. Explain that this represents the salty tears shed by Jesus' followers, and the bitterness of our own sin. Read Luke 23:27.

So far the ingredients are not very appetizing...

Add 1 cup sugar. Explain that the sweetest part of the story is that Jesus died because He loves us. He wants us to know and belong to Him. Read Ps. 34:8 and John 3:16.

Beat with a mixer on high speed until stiff peaks are formed. Explain that the colour white represents the purity in God's eyes of those whose sins have been cleansed by Jesus. Read Isaiah 1:18 and John 3:1-3.

Fold in broken nuts.

Drop, teaspoon by teaspoon, onto non-stick baking parchment-covered baking sheet. Explain that each mound represents the rocky tomb where Jesus' body was laid. Read Matthew 27:57-60.

Put the baking sheet in the oven, close the door and turn the oven OFF.

Give each child a piece of tape and seal the oven door. Explain that Jesus' tomb was sealed. Read Matthew 27:65-66.

GO TO BED! Explain that they may feel sad to leave them in the oven overnight. Jesus' followers felt despair when the tomb was sealed. Read John 16:20 and 22.

On Easter morning, open the oven and give everyone a cookie. Notice the cracked surface and take a bite. The cookies are hollow! On the first Easter Jesus' followers were amazed to find the tomb open and empty. Read Matthew 28:1-9.



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Janet Ella LEE was born on the 26th June 1944 and died on the 15th January 2026 at the age of 81 years. The funeral service took place on the 12th February 2026 at St John The Baptist, Meopham conducted by The Rev'd Canon Alyson DAVIE followed by Thames View Crematorium, where the service was conducted by The Rev'd Marion BARBER. Our condolences and prayers go to Janet's sons Roger and Paul.



Church choirs receive £400,000 boost for programme to increase participation by children

More than 200 church choirs aimed at children and young people are to be launched in a new programme. 'The Choir Project', working in partnership with the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM), will engage children and young people with their local church choirs amid renewed interest in sacred church music.

The launch comes as campaigners press for English Evensong to be given World Heritage Status, to ensure that the centuries-old Christian choral tradition is recognised as an art form of global significance.

The number of cathedral choirs in England reached a record high of 207 in 2024, but 57% of local church choirs currently have no children.

The new programme will tap into the country's rich tradition of choral worship with a view to sparking a revival of local parish choir membership amongst Generation Alpha, engaging them actively with Christianity.

'The Choir Project' aims to support upwards of 200 churches across England to establish or renew choirs for children and young people.

Research which suggests that young people are more likely to remain active in faith communities when they are given meaningful roles, intergenerational relationships and opportunities for leadership.

The Church of England's Strategic Mission and Ministry Investment Board has agreed investment with RSCM of £400,000 to support the programme.

Starting choirs has proven to attract engagement from young people in churches. One church near Saltburn has grown from two to up to 18 children on a Sunday by starting a church choir.

As one young chorister said: "Every Sunday that you come, you better yourself in your singing and you better yourself in your knowledge of Jesus and God." Another said: "I love the stories about Jesus, seeing my friends and singing with the choir."

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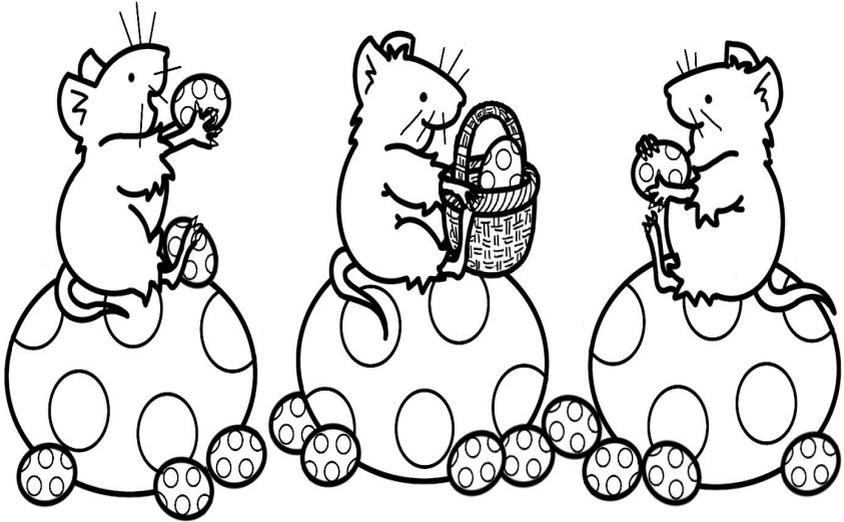


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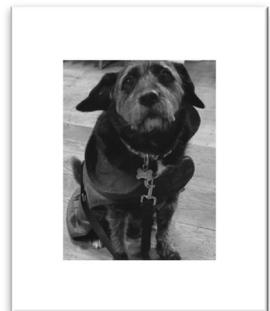
Hello everyone

I hope you are looking forward to Easter and spending time with family, friends and eating lots of treats like chocolate Easter eggs and hot cross buns! I bet they are yummy, but neither of them are good for dogs because they include ingredients that make dogs sick. Chocolate is bad for us and so is dried fruit, which hot cross buns contain. So please make sure they are out of reach because us dogs can't resist a sneaky treat – we just can't help it!

Apparently April is National Pet Month (NPM), a yearly initiative dedicated to promoting responsible pet ownership, and supporting UK pet charities. National Pet Month celebrates the companionship of our pets, educates owners on responsible care, and raises funds for pet charities.

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Even as Jesus ate that last Passover meal with his disciples, he warned them he was about to be betrayed. He took the bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it to them; he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them to drink. The Old Covenant, based on Law, was ticking away its final hours; the New Covenant, based on Christ's body and his blood, was about to be ushered in. Jesus prayed in Gethsemane that this fearful cup might be removed from him, but even more, that God's will might be done. And it was. From Easter onwards we can only approach God through his Son, Jesus Christ, not on our own merit.

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