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Church Services in the Vale of Pewsey for March 2024

Date	3rd March 3rd Sunday of Lent	10th March Mothering Sunday	17th March 5th Sunday of Lent	24th March Palm Sunday	Good Friday	Easter Day
Readings	Exodus 20: 1-17 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25 John 2: 13-22	Exodus 2: 10-12 2 Corinthians 1: 3-7 John 19: 25-27	Jeremiah 31: 31-34 Hebrews 5: 5-10 John 12: 20-33	Liturgy of the Palms Mark 11: 1-11	Isaiah 52: 13- end of 53 Hebrews 10: 16-25 John 18: 1-19	Acts 10:34-43 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 John 20:1-18
St John the Baptist Pewsey *#	9.30am Parish Communion 6.00 pm Sunday@6	9.00am Breakfast 9.30am Service for Mothering Sunday	9.30am Parish Communion	3pm Muddy Church	11.00 Outdoor Witness	9.30 am Easter Communion
St Mary, Alton Barnes	11am Parish Communion		11am Parish Communion			11am Easter Communion
St Stephen Beechingstoke	11am Breakfast Service B'fast served at 10.15					12noon Easter Communion
All Saints *# Stanton St Bernard						11.00am Easter Communion
St James * North Newnton	11am Cafe Church	11am Mothering Sunday Service				11 am Easter Sunday Celebration & Egg Hunt
St Peter Manningford Bruce		9.30 am Morning Prayer		9.30 am Holy Communion		9.30 am Easter Communion
St Mary Magdalene # Woodborough	8.00 am Holy Communion BCP		11.00 am Morning Prayer			10.30am Informal Service & Egg Hunt
St Nicholas Huish		6pm Evensong				8.00 am Easter Communion
Holy Trinity Oare	11.00 am Parish Communion					11 am Easter Communion
Holy Cross Wilcot		11.00 am Parish Com- munion		6.00 pm Evensong		11.00 Easter Communion
St Peter *# Milton Lilbourne	4.00 pm Family Service	9.30 am Holy Communion BCP	11.00am Morning Praise			11.00 Easter Communion
Holy Trinity Easton Royal		4.00 pm Mothering Sun- day		11.00 am Parish Com- munion		11.00 am Easter Communion
St Andrew Wootton Rivers	9.30 Parish Communion	9.30 am Mothering Sun- day			2.00pm Last Hour at the Cross	9.30 am Easter Communion
St Peter Charlton St Peter		6pm Evensong		6pm Parish Com- munion	2pm Walk of Witness	
St Matthew Rushall		11 am Holy Communion BCP	11 am Parish Communion	11 am Matins BCP	To Rushall	11.00 am Easter Communion
St Mary # Upavon	9.30 am Informal Worship	9.30 am Parish Com- munion	8am Holy Communion BCP		And Upavon	9.30 am Easter Communion

CLERGY LETTER

Stories of Reconciliation

This month our focus is less on traditions of fasting than on feasting on stories, listening afresh to how God can speak to us in many ways, as I discovered for myself recently as I re-read a story that I've listened to or read many times from childhood onwards.

It was the story of twin brothers, Esau and Jacob: Jacob cheats his elder brother of things that were rightly his, and then flees for his life. He found refuge with his uncle in another country, but in turn was cheated by him. Eventually the friction between uncle and nephew drove him to risk returning home. He made careful preparations for the re-union, sending messengers with peace offerings for his brother. When the two came face to face, Esau, to Jacob's surprise, ran to meet him, embraced him and wept with joy. He refused the peace offerings until his brother persuaded him, saying, " ... if I find favour with you, then accept my present from my hand; for truly to see your face is like seeing the face of God—since you have received me with such favour." (Genesis 33.10).

I had never before noticed the phrase which I've underlined. Tears welled up as I read and re-read them, for this, like the better-known story of the Prodigal Son, transported me into the presence of God: the one who runs to meet us, weeps with joy when we seek to make our peace with him and blots out all our past wrongs that wound him. This is also the message we hear in services during the final week of this month, culminating in the celebration of Easter as we follow the story of Jesus's death and resurrection.

At the beginning of the month, we will be welcoming Year 5 and 6 pupils, from all the schools in the Vale and other schools in the area, to the Life Exhibition. This offers them other ways to hear the story of the life of Jesus through videos and interactive technology.

Throughout the month we also continue our programme of talks and services, relating how silence and scripture, art and music, can help us hear God's story of reconciliation: That through Jesus Christ, "God was "pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross" (Colossians 1.20)

May this story bring hope and joy to all this Easter, amidst the heartbreak of the ongoing conflicts and horrors that we witness today.

Canon Rhona Floate

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All the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever were built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of mankind on this earth as powerfully as has that one solitary life. - *James Francis*

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funerals

Anne Thorne Funeral on 12th February at St John the Baptist, Pewsey

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Methodist Minister: Rev. Stephen Skinner 01672 512457 rev.stephen.skinner3@gmail.com

Pewsey Methodist Church, **Sunday Services 10.30am**
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Catholic Parish Priest: Father John Blacker 01672 513267

Regular Services at Holy Family, Broadfields:

Weekday Mass, 12.00 pm Friday Vigil Mass at 6.00 pm Saturday.
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Baptist Services Contact: Mary Jarvis 07876 193640

Upavon Chapel **2nd Sunday of each month at 3.30 p.m**
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Contact The Messenger, newmessenger.pewsey@hotmail.com cut-off date 15th of month

For adverts contact Peter Hughes at msgr.ad@valeofpewsey.org, 01980 630023

Editors note: This edition of the magazine was compiled with help from the Mothers Union. We always welcome any suggestions for improvement. Please send them to the address above.

(5 coffee mornings in March!)

What's On in March

Friday 1st Pub night (Burgers) : Milton Lilbourne Village Hall

Friday 1st Youth Chill out : Vale Campus Sports Centre 7-9 pm (More on Page 12)

Saturday 2nd Coffee Morning: Rushall Village Hall 10am - 12pm

And Coffee Morning: Alton Barnes Coronation Hall 10am - 12pm

Saturday 2nd Wine Tasting : Milton Lilbourne Village Hall, 7pm

Sunday 3rd Prospect Spring Run : Stanton Country Park

Monday 4th Life Exhibition all week : St. John's, Pewsey:

Tuesday 5th Carers' café : Wesley Hall, 10.30 – 12

Tuesday 5th, The Arts Society - Pewsey Vale, 2.30pm, Bouverie Hall: "Alchemy and Adventure: A History of Exotic Colours and Poisonous Pigments".

Tuesday 5th Pewsey Vale Gardening Club, Bouverie Hall, 7 for 7.30: Roses

Wednesday 6th Coffee Morning: Woodborough Parish Room, 10.30

Wednesday 6th Mothers Union, St. John's Pewsey, 2pm: Spring Meeting

Thursday 7th Lent Lunch: Pewsey Tennis Club 12.00

Saturday 9th Coffee Morning: Wilsford Village Hall. 10.30-12

Tuesday 12th Lent Lunch: Rushall Village Hall 12.00

Tuesday 12th Railway Society , Woodborough Social Club 14.45: "Railways Home and Abroad"

Tuesday 12th Come and Sing: Wilcot Village Hall 6pm

Friday 15th Pub Night (Fish and Chips): Milton Lilbourne Village Hall

Saturday 16th "Pig" Race Night: Manningford Village Hall 7pm

Sunday 17th Barbara Dalton and musicians : St. John's, Pewsey, afternoon

Monday 18th Lent Lunch: Lawn Farm House, Milton Lilbourne 12.00

Tuesday 19th Textile Day: Milton Lilbourne Village Hall 10.30 - 3

Tuesday 19th Cyber Crime: U3A, 2pm Bouverie Hall

Tuesday 19th Enford Film Club , 6.30 for 7: Charade, with Cary Grant and Audrey Hepburn

Wednesday 20th Good Companions : Woodborough Parish Room, 2pm

Wednesday 20th Newly Discovered Wall Paintings : Alton Barnes, Coronation Hall, 7pm:

Thursday 21st Bingo : Rushall Village Hall, evening

Sunday 24th Easter Egg Hunt: Rushall Village Hall, morning

Friday 29th Pub night (Burgers) : Milton Lilbourne Village Hall

Saturday 30th Coffee Morning: Upavon Church , 10 - 12



Do you know anyone with sight problems?

If so then the MARLBOROUGH & DISTRICT TALKING NEWSPAPER may be able to help them.

Seeing is believing, but what if someone cannot see to read properly? Well, they can hear all the latest local news and gossip from the local Talking Newspaper! It is produced each Friday by volunteers and sent free of charge to the blind and partially-sighted folk in this area, thanks to Royal Mail. New listeners are always welcome. So, if you know anyone who is blind or has impaired vision and would benefit from receiving a memory stick each week (together with the free loan of the necessary equipment to play it), please get in touch with Jenny Lyall, the Marlborough & District Talking Newspaper Listeners' Officer on 01672 513524 or by email at lantern65@uwclub.net and she will do the rest!

Volunteer Relief Readers – wanted

The Marlborough & District Talking Newspaper has Regular Readers who attend each week at the recording sessions held every Friday. These readers are backed up by a Pool of Relief Readers who are called upon to fill in for the Regular Readers when they are absent due to leave or sickness or unavailability to attend their rostered recording session. The Marlborough & District Talking Newspaper currently has vacancies for volunteer Relief Readers. Relief Readers are usually called upon approximately eight to ten times in the course of the year. Each recording session lasts for 1 hour and the recording studio is situated in Marlborough College. The recording teams consist of four readers and a Producer and Recording Engineer. Could you see yourself helping?

If, so please contact Susan Elks the Volunteers' Officer – Tel. 01672 511612 – Mob. 0774 767 4502 or email: susanelks@rocketmail.com

CARERS CAFE

The Pewsey carers café takes place monthly and is a friendly and welcoming space for people who are caring for someone to meet, offer one another support and speak to a trained volunteer who can signpost to local services and information. Attendance at the café is currently quite low and Carer Support Wiltshire would love to welcome new people to the café who may benefit from the opportunity to speak to others who may be in a similar situation to their own and just enjoy a bit of time for themselves.

If you are supporting someone who could not otherwise manage without that support then you're welcome at our café. Stay for the whole session or just pop in and enjoy a hot drink and slice of cake.



This Photo by Unknown Author is

The café takes place on the 1st Tuesday of each month between 10.30am-12.00pm at The Wesley Hall, Pewsey Methodist Church, 35 North Street, Pewsey. Contact Carer Support Wiltshire – admin@carersupportwiltshire.co.uk / 0800 181 4118

Ed: I went to the February session, as I am a carer and they were very welcoming and helpful.

Pewsey Players
Sharon Vennall ~ Voice
Paul Hutchinson ~ Accordion

Guinea Lane Sax Quartet
Pewsey Winds

Music On A Sunday Afternoon

Sunday 17th March at 2pm
St. John's Church, Pewsey

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EASTER FAYRE

Great Bedwyn Wharf
Monday 1st April, 2 – 5pm

Join Bruce Boats for an afternoon of Easter fun at Great Bedwyn Wharf SN8 3PB – parking available at the village hall

homemade cakes craft stalls live music
boat trips Easter egg trail children's crafts

See our plans for a hybrid (diesel-electric) engine

Look around our wheelchair-accessible boats and our youth narrowboat, and talk to our friendly volunteers

Give yourself a canal-themed day out and combine it with a visit to Crofton Beam Engines (SN8 3DW, open 10am – 5pm) to see the 200-year old steam pump in action, still doing its original job keeping the canal topped up with water.

Bruce Boats and Crofton Beam Engines are part of the Kennet & Avon Canal Trust, the charity which restored the canal. Find out more at www.katrust.org.uk





SPECIAL INTEREST DAY ON TEXTILES

Explore textile design used in fashion and the home

Nash, Sutherland and Heron
Zika, Lida Ascher, Moore and Matisse
Art movements that inspired design in the 1960s



Jacqueline Graog (1903 - 1986) Untitled (Traffic Light), 1952
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Please note The Arts Society insurance only covers members for this Special Interest Day.

Join Bruce Boats for an afternoon of Easter fun at Great Bedwyn Wharf SN8 3PB. Stalls, boat trips, children's crafts, live music, refreshments, home made cakes. Find out about our exciting plans to convert one of our boats to hybrid (diesel-electric) propulsion.

Bruce Boats have been providing trips on the canal for disabled, disadvantaged and elderly people for over 35 years. Here



is a chance to see inside our fully accessible widebeam boats equipped with ramps and lifts for wheelchair access, and our more traditional narrowboat used by youth organisations. Come aboard, have a look round, meet some of our friendly volunteers. Why not give yourself a canal-themed day out and combine it with a visit to Crofton Beam Engines (SN8 3DW)? See the 200-year old steam pump in action, still doing its original job keeping the canal topped up with water.

PROSPECT HOSPICE

is challenging perceptions of charity shops with their new initiative, "Find it for a Fiver". Dismissing stereotypes of drab and cluttered spaces, it invites shoppers to discover affordable treasures while supporting their cause.

Victoria Canavan, head of retail at Prospect Hospice, said: ““When a friend’s birthday is approaching, you might want to get them a gift but feel you can’t afford it, so why not come into the hospice shops and find it for a fiver, instead? We have plenty of gifts just ready and waiting, some pre-loved but some have never been opened. How about finding a lovely candle for them to light and enjoy at home or perhaps a stylish photo frame that you can personalise with an image of the two of you sharing a memory. It’s all in our shops and you can find it for a fiver.” With a diverse range of items including gifts, clothing, and toys, the initiative aims to make shopping both affordable and impactful. Customers are encouraged to share their discoveries on social media using #fiverfinds, fostering a community of sustainable and charitable shopping. Every purchase from a Prospect Hospice shop directly helps to care for and support local people and families in need. Join the movement, shop sustainably, and make a difference—all for just £5. Find your nearest Prospect Hospice charity shop at www.prospect-hospice.net/shops



Have you decided to spend a bit of your retirement getting fit – well, a bit fitter – this year? Then why not join Pewsey Vale u3a and get some enjoyable exercise in good company at very little cost? We can offer you a choice of walking groups from short strolls to longer hikes (some with dog); table tennis and badminton; stretch & curl exercise and country dancing; short mat bowls and birdwatching, gardening and even the occasional disco. Our web site <https://pewsey.u3asite.uk/> will tell you more, or you can phone us on 07434 710161. We’d love to hear from you! If you prefer something less physical, we have plenty more to offer you. We’ll tell you about that next time.

Tuesday 19th March at 2.00 pm, u3a Social Meeting in the Bouverie Hall. The Talk will be on Cyber Crime. (Open to Pewsey Vale u3a members and to non-members who are welcome to attend a meeting to see if they wish to join the u3a.)



A vicar was planning an Easter pilgrimage to the Holy Land, and was aghast when he found it would cost him £50 an hour to rent a boat on the Sea of Galilee. He protested to the travel agent that the cost was ridiculous. “That might be true,” replied the travel agent, “but you have to take into account that the Sea of Galilee is water on which our Lord himself walked.”

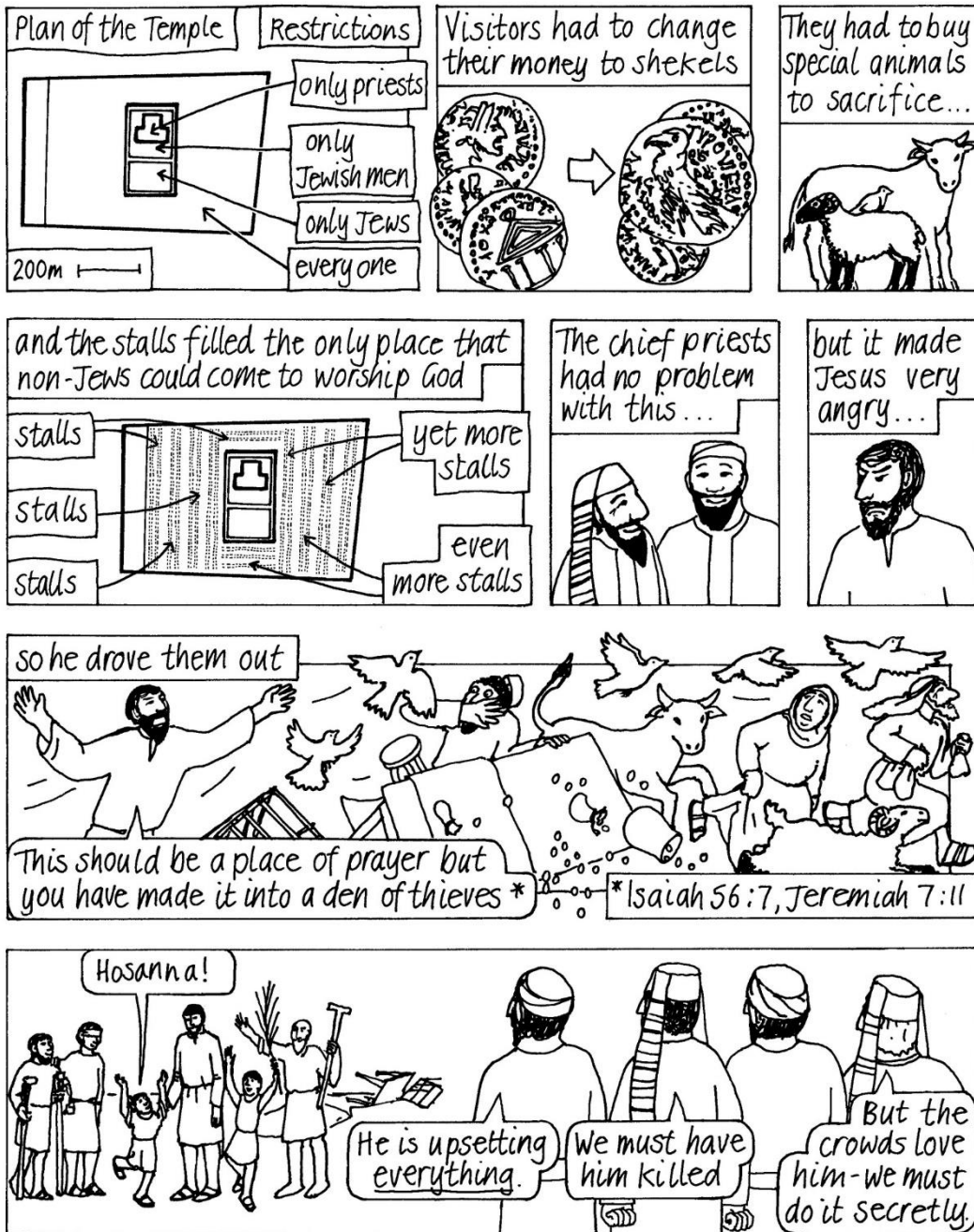
“Well, at £50 an hour for a boat, I am not surprised!”

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Mt 21:12-16, Mk 11:15-18, Lk 19:45-48

When Jesus reached Jerusalem he went to the Temple, built as a place where everyone could worship God, but with restrictions...



Noah had problems, too

When Noah sailed the waters blue,

he had his troubles same as you.

For 40 days he drove the Ark

before he found a place to park.

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(Hint:see Bible Bites)

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If you are headed in the wrong direction, God allows U-turns

I hate it when I see an old person, and then realise we went to school together

5 MINUTE INTERVIEW WITH ORWELL – AN 8 MONTH OLD GUIDE DOG PUPPY

How long have you lived in North Newnton? Six months and I hope to stay until moving to Reading for a year at Big School in the autumn.

Favourite shop? Woottons in Pewsey! Very friendly, best rice bones!!!

Other favourite snacks? Anything edible, cardboard boxes, plants and lego!!

Favourite church & service? St James' North Newnton, cafe church and the Christingle service.

Other churches & services? Lots! A beautiful carol service for Rushall Primary School in Rushall Church, helping pull cars out of the mud after helping Rhona with her talk on the Light of the World! I love Muddy Church, Cafe Church and Christingle in Pewsey. I was caught sleeping at Salisbury Cathedral when Rhona preached at Sung Communion; but I still got a full blessing!

What else? Anywhere with food, snacks and people who come to see me!! I love going to Youth Group, especially WYFC Wilderness Worship [rock climbing, axe throwing, archery, team challenges, BBQ] so I hope you can join us – just email

youth@valeofpewsey.org

Anyone you'd like to thank? Apart from Anne & Rob who look after me; I'd like to thank everyone in the Coop, Spar, Marshalls, the library, pubs, cafes, buses, trains, dentist, GP, vets, churches, garden centres, Rushall school, allotments, PCLT, WYFC and the leisure centre for making me so welcome.

Favourite hobby? Puppy classes in Westbury – but I get too excited as I really enjoy learning with other guide dog puppies!

Nicknames? Snore-well, George and 'no get off the kitchen counter'!

What are you looking forward to? Youth groups, meeting more people at church and training in my smart GuideDogs jacket!! I'm working then so don't have time to say hello although I very much want to! Lots more learning & adventures!!



The youth group is open to those of secondary school age. To hear about future youth group events click **youth events signup** on: <https://www.valeofpewsey.org/events/youth-group>

Friday 1 March	7-9 pm	Youth Chill out at Vale Campus Sports Centre
Sunday 3 March	6pm	We will join Sunday@6 in St Johns Pewsey
Friday 8 March	7-9 pm	Youth Chill out at Vale Campus Sports Centre
Saturday 9 March	4.30 - 6 pm	Youth group games & grub in St Johns Pewsey
Friday 15 March	7-9 pm	Youth Chill out at Vale Campus Sports Centre
Friday 22 March	7-9 pm	Youth Chill out at Vale Campus Sports Centre
Sunday 24 March	3 pm	Youth group joins muddy church at St Johns Pewsey
Sunday 24 March	5 - 6.30 pm	Youth group fun & games in St Johns Pewsey
Friday 29th March	11 am	Youth Group helping at Good Friday open air service, outside Pewsey Tea Rooms [acting, reading, props & refreshments]
Sunday 31st March	early!	Join the sunrise service on Easter Day if you'd like!

NURTURE NATURE

It is good to view on some popular TV programmes about land use and the countryside recently emphasis being placed on how important hedges are for wildlife – for birds, bats, insects, a host of mammals and also providing shelter for livestock. Should one have old hedges that require rejuvenating and bulking up, or desire to plant new hedges, there is plenty of information on the internet, on the TV and on catch-ups. It's not too late to act, and with patience and perseverance you will have added further lengths of wildlife corridors. Smaller areas can benefit too, such as your garden borders. Hedges don't blow down – fences do, as experienced by some in the recent gales. You can help to protect your fences by planting suitable hedging species as buffers, preferably deciduous ones. Leylandii are not user friendly for most species, except as roosting sites for some. I think we have all been quite shocked to learn recently that one in five migration species are facing extinction over the next few decades, and global migration corridors are being interrupted and partially destroyed due to uncontrolled population expansion –man's ignorance and over development thus threatening species such as the long annual migration of wildebeest in Africa. Monarch butterflies from Canada and north east North America migrate 3,000 miles to the forests of S W Mexico and S W America. Uncontrolled destruction of forests on all the populated continents is leading to tipping points which will adversely affect the world as we think we know it. The wake up calls have been, and are being made. We need to respond. The Woodland Trust makes an excellent contribution to increasing tree numbers in the UK by arranging planting days for volunteers, schools, local organisations and others, so let's get planting. Remember when some of us older readers were growing up we were taught at our junior schools how important trees are, especially the world's rain forests, as they are the 'lungs of the earth'. We must do all we can to keep them so. Some of you will be surprised to learn that in the British Isles there are sites classified as rain forests. I won't spoil your fun, you can search for them on the internet. What a loss to our enjoyment of nature it would be if there were no woods and forests – "If you go down in the woods today, you're sure of a big surprise -If you go down in the woods today, you'd better go in disguise for every bear that ever there was will gather there for certain because today's the day the teddy bears have their picnic" .(John Walter Bratton 1907). At Gleann Shildeag (in the north west highlands of Scotland) the WT and helpers are clearing the invasive undergrowth and are aiming to plant nearly 120,000 saplings – a mixture of native willow and birch, with some alder and oak - before the end of the month. When matured, this should give the red squirrel population a good boost, and many other species of wildlife too. Avian flu is still having a destructive effect on seabirds, the Great Skua (Bonxie) around the northern Scottish coasts and the gannet population on Grassholm Island west Wales are still being adversely affected. So, nearer to home it is imperative that bird baths and feeders are kept scrupulously clean. A mild mixture of warm water and washing up liquid will do the job. Although our seasons are not as they used to be, it is pleasing to see acres of woodland snowdrops, dancing daffodils (earlier than usual) and flowering shrubs and trees such as prunus, mahonia, winter flowering honeysuckle and abelia as spring nears. Otis Tarda

Ed: One way to increase diversity is to plant daffodils. I planted some in the grass outside my house, so that the council mowed it later than usual, when the daffodils had died down.

Lo and behold, up popped wild orchids.



PCC PEWSEY 100 CLUB

It's still not too late to join the PCC Pewsey 100 Club. People ask what this is: Members pay an annual fee (this current year it is £15) for a number. The money collected over the year (mainly at the renewal time in September) is divided in half. One half is for prize money and this year we are having bi-monthly draws, the other half is donated to the PCC for St Johns Church.

We held a draw on Sunday (we try to draw it immediately after the Morning Worship service on the second Sunday of the month), and the winners were:

Number 22: P Kimber, 8: L Passard, 56: C Hodgson.

Of course, it's not too late to renew and to join. The next prize draw will take place at Easter – you need to be in it to win it. Forms and details are in the Church, or you can contact me or Libby Newman for more information. Please encourage others to subscribe!

With very best wishes to you all, Liz Whitebread , Tel: 07789517370

THE ST TIMOTHY FOUNDATION

Dear All

We are now half-way through Lent and I thank you for your support during February for the Lent Lunches, donations and the purchase of marmalade and candles!

Thank you too for the jam jars; at over £1.50 each to buy new, recycling jam jars does indeed help to keep the cost and, the price to you of the marmalade, down. Do call if you can donate jam jars or would like to buy some marmalade (£3 per jar).

The remaining Lent Lunches during March in the What's on Diary and remember the Pewsey Tea Room opening on 1st April (Easter Monday). Proceeds from these events will go to The St Timothy Foundation to support the education of the children in the three primary schools that we support in South Sudan.

There is much to improve in the schools – two of the schools have no buildings. Water has to be carried to all three schools on a daily basis, so life is harsh and the adults work hard to facilitate the education of their children. To support them it would be so welcome if you could organise an event, such as a Coffee Morning, in your area to support the children and send it to The St Timothy Foundation to pass onto the Diocese of Nzara for them. Perhaps an event could be run in conjunction with your local school or community groups. It would be a great way to get together to enjoy the warmer weather that is just around the corner! If I can help in any way to support you then do let me know. We would be happy to advertise your event on the website below.

With all good wishes, Ann (Chair), The St Timothy Foundation
01980 630256, reverendannmassey@outlook.com

www.sttimothy.org.uk

PEWSEY VALE RAILWAY SOCIETY

Tuesday 12th March 14.45 "Railways Home and Abroad" by Michael Porter
Tuesday 9th April 19.30 "Dorset Branch Lines" Bob Bunyar
Tuesday 14th May 19.30 "Canadian Travels" Alec Thomas, and Railwayana Auction

Meetings in Woodborough Social Club SN9 5PL
Admission £3, non-members we

ENFORD FILM EVENINGS

Tuesday 19th March at Enford Village Hall **CHARADE**

Starring Audrey Hepburn (by request) and Cary Grant

This film, made in 1963, spans 3 genres, suspense thriller, romance and comedy. It was praised for the screenplay, for which Peter Stone won Best Written American Comedy, and for the chemistry between Audrey Hepburn and Cary Grant who both won Academy and Golden Globe Best Actor awards. It has been called "The best Hitchcock movie Hitchcock never made" and Time Out asserted that it was a "mammoth audience teaser". It was filmed in Paris and also stars Walter Matthau, James Coburn and George Kennedy. Doors open at 6.30 for 7pm start (film running time 1 hour 53 minutes)



Tickets £8 to include a glass of wine and nibbles.

Prospect Hospice's Spring Run

Step into 2024 on a healthy note by joining Prospect Hospice's Spring Run at Stanton Country Park on Sunday 3 March. Whether you're a seasoned athlete or a novice runner, this event has something for everyone, featuring time-chipped 5k and 10k routes. Beyond a celebration of fitness, the run aims to raise funds for Prospect Hospice's crucial end-of-life care services for local people.

The Spring Run is an inclusive event, welcoming participants of all levels. Regardless of whether you're aiming for a personal best or embracing a healthier lifestyle, this event invites you to be a part of a memorable day filled with community spirit.

"We're delighted to bring our Spring Run back to Stanton Park for another year of exciting challenges and community spirit," said Sheryl Crouch, head of income at Prospect Hospice. "This event is not just about running; it's about coming together, pushing boundaries, and making a positive impact on the lives of those in need. Whether you've experienced the hospice's care or just simply want to run and raise funds for a great cause, we welcome you to join us for a day of fun, fitness, and fundraising." To learn more and register, visit www.prospect-hospice.net/springrun

Pewsey Vale Gardening Club

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 5th March at The Bouverie Hall Goddard Road Pewsey SN9 5EQ 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Complementary refreshments served prior to the meeting. The Speaker will be Ray Broughton retuning to us his topic Roses. Hopefully many of our problems with roses will be covered.

The Pewsey Vale Gardening Club hosted the recording of 2 programmes of Gardeners Question Time the 2nd of which is aired on R4 Friday 8th March at 3pm and repeated On Sunday 10th at 2pm we hope you enjoy listening.

Membership fees for this year are £5.00 Visitors @ £2.00 each new members and visitors are always welcome. Our season runs from October to June with meetings on the first Tuesday of each month except January and outing to lovely gardens etc arranged by Annie Diston cost vary accordingly. We also have the Flower of the Month competition with the Bill Bailey Cup awarded to the winner for the season. CONTACT DETAILS PV_GC@yahoo.com



Pewsey Vale Gardening Club Outings 2024

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Full details with booking form from Anne Diston 01672 562757 email annie1953ad@gmail.com

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We have seen many complaints about the state of our roads, potholes etc. Please, please, report these on the MyWilts App. <https://orlo.uk/4Z12D> If they are not reported they cannot be repaired, and compensation may not be paid.

Our Community Meeting will be held on April 26th this year. If your club or society would like to take part, please get in touch with the Clerk for further information.

Community Speedwatch is looking for new volunteers to help make Pewsey's roads safer for us all. If you could help with manning the speed devices, we would love to hear from you. For more information, please get in touch with the Clerk.

The Council is currently looking to fill 6 vacancies by co-option, don't hesitate to get in touch with the Clerk for further information, or come along on a Tuesday morning for a chat with some of our councillors and the Clerk. The public can attend any Full Council meetings to raise any issues of importance. They are held on every 2nd Tuesday from 7.00pm. Agendas, minutes, and dates of meetings can be found on our website.

All enquiries to the Parish Clerk, Parish Office, Bouverie Hall, Goddard Road, Pewsey. SN9 5EQ.
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Follow us on our Facebook page, or go to our website www.pewsey-pc.gov.uk

Pewsey Vale Arts Society

The March lecture of The Arts Society - Pewsey Vale, will be held on Tuesday 5th March at 2.30pm in the Bouverie Hall. This month we will hear from Lynne Gibson whose lecture is entitled "**Alchemy and Adventure: A History of Exotic Colours and Poisonous Pigments**".

In our modern world it's easy to take colour for granted. Yet before organic chemistry the most desirable pigments were often exotic or poisonous. Merchants supplied pungent yellow 'purree' nuggets from India, cochineal 'grana' from the holds of Spanish galleons, lapis rock carried by camel train from the mountains of Badakhshan. Alchemists prepared deadly 'King's Yellow' and 'ruby of arsenic'. 'Moorish Gold' was concocted, according to a 12th century monk, from basilisk powder ground with human blood! Small wonder artists kept their paint recipes closely guarded in Books of Secrets.

This lecture tells the stories of alchemy and adventure behind some of our most beautiful and colourful paintings.

Lynne Gibson has worked as an independent art historian for the past ten years. Prior to that she lectured in art history at both Bristol and Sussex universities, taught in schools and sixth form colleges and ran painting, drawing and printmaking courses in art colleges. She has also worked professionally as an etcher and a painter in oils, exhibiting in the British Museum, the Guild Gallery in Bristol and the Barbican in London.



Refreshments are available from 2.00pm and non-members are very welcome, for the price of a £7 ticket on the door. Please note we can only accept cash.

March marks the start of the new 2024/25 membership year. We are delighted that we can offer this for £55, the same as last year's fee. We hope you can join us.

MANNINGFORD

St Peter's Church The amazing display of snowdrops in February will be replaced by primroses in March. We will have three special services this month:

- Morning Prayer for Mothering Sunday on 12 March with posies for all
- Palm Sunday Communion on 26 March
- Easter Day Communion on 31 March

All services at 9.30am to be followed by coffee and biscuits and something a bit extra on Easter Day. We're a friendly lot so please join us, especially to see the decorated church on Easter Day.

Village Hall

'Pig' Race Night in Manningford Village Hall on Saturday 16 March 7pm for 7pm start. Tickets £10 per person, including supper, must be purchased in advance from Sue on 07990 548852 or Victoria on 07736 450540 Supporting local NSPCC. Come along and join in the fun!



Please get in touch with Victoria Marshall at victoria73marshall@gmail.com or on 01672 569077 / 07736 450540 if you would like to hire the Village Hall or find out more about the wide range of regular classes held there.

HUIISH with OARE

St Nicholas Church, Huish

Sunday 10th March – Lent IV - Mothering Sunday – 6.00pm Evensong

Sunday 24th March – Lent VI – Palm Sunday – **No Service**

Sunday 31st March – Easter Day – 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

As always, we look forward to seeing you at any of the above services at which you will be very welcome.



Holy Trinity Church, Oare

Sunday 3rd March – Lent III – 1100am Parish Eucharist

Sunday 31st March – Easter Day – 11.00am Parish Eucharist

As always, we look forward to seeing you at any of the above services at which you will be very welcome.



PEWSEY St. John's

The return of the **'Life Exhibition'** Week beginning **March 4th**, the church will be transformed and filled with learning hubs ready to receive primary school children in Years 5 & 6 to encounter the life of Jesus. We will be grateful for help in the church throughout the week.



At Sunday@6 on February 4th we had a visit from Robert and Pip Sanday who are Waterways Chaplains. This is a chaplaincy sponsored by Church Army and works rather like 'Street Pastors', coming alongside others on the canal. Robert is a

retired vicar and his wife, Pip, is now the senior chaplain along the Kennet and Avon canal. They have their own boat and are looking for churches along the canal who will partner with their work and who will support those who are found to be in need. It proved a very interesting evening and we all learnt so much about this new ministry.

An important date for you diary

Barbara Dalton and her wonderful band of musicians will be holding a concert in St John's on Sunday March 17th at 2pm. Tickets are £10 including tea and cake

WOODBOROUGH Church and Parish Rooms

Welcome to Spring and all the newness this season brings.

It's crocuses, daffodils, sunshine and showers.

It's warmth, colour and a breath of fresh air.

It's little buds and birds chirping.

All life crawls out of hibernation and our hearts open.

The Woodborough Parish Room Coffee Morning will be held on **Wednesday 6th March** from 10.30am. Do come along and enjoy the company of others and the wonderful cakes!

The Parish Room can be hired email:
woodboroughparishrooms@hotmail.co.uk



Good Companions meets on Wednesday March 20th in the Parish Room. A group for semi retired/retired persons, offering an opportunity to meet others from Woodborough and surrounding villages, and join in with an activity, afternoon tea and companionship (£5/session). For further information contact - Brenda Geard 07738053850 or email wyverndanceband@btinternet.com

Palm Sunday and Easter Services – see page 3. All welcome!



NORTH NEWNTON, HILCOTT & BOTTLESFORD

NORTH NEWNTON, HILCOTT & BOTTLESFORD

St James' churchyard always looks wonderful at this time of the year; snowdrops and yellow aconite followed by drifts of daffodils. Take a walk to enjoy the peace, a few minutes to sit on the 'Sally's bench' by the river and marvel at the building that has stood for a thousand years! Why not pop inside and make yourself a cuppa!



Mothering Sunday Service 11am 10th March A warm welcome to all for we ALL 'mother' at some time in our lives!

Easter Service Family Service at 11am

The church must undergo **major work on the tower roof** to replace the leaking asphalt roofing and repair stone work. Unfortunately scaffolding will be necessary adding to the expense so the overall cost is expected to be in the region of £21,000. In aid of the roof repairs on Sunday 5th May.....

'A May Day celebration; traditional songs and music from around the British Isles'

There will be a group of local players and audience singing participation!
Followed by a cream tea. Full details in April Messenger

Attic Sale in aid of St James' Church this event which we hope will include music, food and a fun dog show is in the initial planning stage. Let us know if you'd like to be involved. Lots of different roles to play! Items for sale can be donated or 'for sale' on a 50/50 basis. So, if you are turning out or down-sizing please bear this event in mind! Contact: Jennifer 01672 851925

COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

Coffee mornings take place on 2nd Saturday of the month from 10.30 to Noon at Wilsford Village Hall. Everyone is welcome. We always have delicious cake and a raffle.



PARISH HISTORY

A very interesting, detailed history of the parish dating back a thousand years is available on the parish website NNPC.org.uk

Hilcote Village Hall Trust

Having reviewed the survey results for Barnard Meadow, the most popular activities that people would like to see were village events, charity sales events/ jumble sales and craft fairs. The full breakdown is on our website hilcotevillagehall.uk. The standout result of the survey was that many residents were willing to help the project in some shape or form and will be contacted shortly. All contributions to this community space, be they large or small, will help drive this project forward.

PARISH COUNCIL The annual Litter Pick-up' will take place during the week starting Saturday 9th March thanks to a regular team of volunteers. If you would like to join in please contact David dbrisker1@aol.com. High vis jackets, pickers and bags provided. There is now a group of volunteers in the parish, known as the Flood Busters, who are working hard to clear the grips, gulleys and drains along the road sides to keep the water off the road as best they can. If you would like to volunteer for this team please email clerk@nnpc.org.uk. There is currently one vacancy for a parish councillor, if you would like to find out more about this role and what it would entail then please contact the clerk at clerk@nnpc.org.uk. A reminder: you can read the minutes of PC meetings on the four notice boards as well as on the website www.nnpc.org.uk

UPAVON

The Food Bank was established in January 2023 and has been regularly used since then. Food items are donated and collected from the porch of St Mary's Church. There is a note book for suggestions for items which would be particularly useful for those in need of some support to feed their families. Village residents continue to be generous in donating food items and financial contributions. Upavon Baptist Church have made generous donations. The Church Council is very grateful for this support.

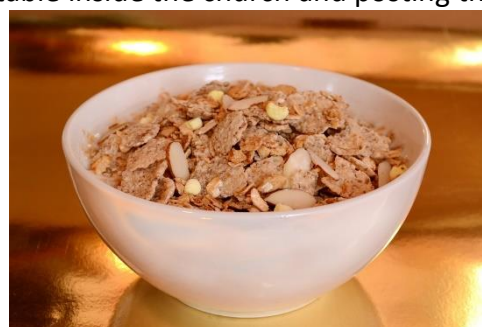
There are several options to contribute to this valuable resource:

Perhaps adding a couple of items to your weekly shop and dropping these off to the boxes in the church porch.

Making a 'one off' or regular financial contribution by contacting the church council treasurer Donal Connon on 01980 630951 or dconnon@btopenworld.com

Using the envelopes marked Food Bank Donation which are on a table inside the church and posting these into the wall safe on your right as you enter the church.

Commonly needed food items, include: tinned soups, tinned meats - stewed steak, corned beef, ham, tinned tuna, baked beans, tinned spaghetti, breakfast cereals, tea, coffee, sugar, long life milk, biscuits (sweet and savoury), tinned fruit, tinned rice pudding, pasta, pasta sauces, rice, jams, marmalade, sweets for children, pet food.



Commonly needed toiletries and household items: Soap, toothpaste, washing up liquid, handwash, shower gel.

There are monthly coffee mornings in the church, usually on the last Saturday of the month, 10 -12.

The next will be March 30th.



Do come, especially if you are new to the area, to make new friends.

ALTON PRIORS, ALTON BARNES and HONEYSTREET

St Mary's Church, Alton Barnes - Key Dates

Wednesday 20th March 2024 - Talk by Peter Martindale on the newly discovered paintings in St Mary's Church, Alton Barnes, and sponsored by the Wiltshire Museum in Devizes. Peter is a highly respected conservator of wall paintings and decorative polychrome; he is an accredited member of the Institute of Conservation, and a Fellow of the International Institute of Conservation, with thirty five years experience in the field of conservation. Peter's clients include English Heritage, the National Trust, the Churches Conservation Trust, the Ministry of Defence and many Cathedrals, Abbeys and Churches.



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Peter will describe how the exciting discovery of medieval, and possibly Saxon wall paintings on the north nave wall came about from the need to address issues and concerns about flaking paint and mould after a redecoration in 2018. Peter will also describe the painted decoration in the chancel, and look ahead to the further works the St Mary's Parochial Church Council (PCC) are wishing to commission.

Venue: Coronation Hall, Alton Barnes SN8 4LB, (with onsite parking for 25 cars) Time: 7pm

Tickets and Booking: £12 and apply online to the Wiltshire Museum:

<https://www.wiltshiremuseum.org.uk/?event=talk-by-peter-martindale-on-the-newly-discovered-wall-paintings-in-st-mary-alton-barnes-wiltshire>

Coronation Hall, Alton Barnes

Coffee Morning - join us on the first Saturday of each month, 10am to 12pm.

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Need a suitable venue for your meetings, coffee mornings, workshops, community and or family events, why not hire the well-equipped hall? Wifi available.

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BEECHINGSTOKE

A brief report this month. It looks like the Fete will be at the end of May. Details yet to be confirmed but you will let you know as soon I do.

The Annual meeting of the Parochial Church Council will occur on Tuesday 23rd April at 19.30 in the Church. All are invited.

If there is anything you would like to be included in this entry please let me (Sally Banham) know by 10th of the month as the entry needs to be in by 15th for the following month.

My details are- 07778 038963 or sally.banham4@gmail.com

MILTON LILBOURNE

The second of our services at 4pm on the first Sunday of alternate months and which are particularly suitable for children and families will be held in the church on 3 March. We will be hearing about Moses and about the Ten Commandments as we listen to stories and take part in activities. The service will be followed by a bring and share tea. Although particularly suitable for children families, everyone is welcome! If you require any further information please Jane Kirkbride on (01672) 564971 or email: janekirkbride@yahoo.co.uk.



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contact

Our service on Easter Sunday will be held at 11:00 and will be followed by refreshments and an Easter Egg hunt for the children.

Tickets are still available for the Champagne and Sparkling Wine tasting on 2nd March at 6.00 in the Milton Lilbourne Village Hall. Tim Ingram-Hill, of Southcott Wine, will be talking about producing his Gold Medal Sparkling Wine and Anthony Barne MW will draw comparisons with Champagne, Cava and Prosecco. For tickets (£30) contact 07799. 844647 anthonybarne@gmail.com or via Eventbrite.



A Clothing bank to support the Wiltshire Air Ambulance is to be placed in the village hall carpark. Bagged contributions of clothing, shoes, curtains and other fabrics can be accepted.

Following the very successful Thai curry night in the village hall, it is hoped that further pop-up kitchens can be arranged in the future. Pub nights in March are Friday, 1 March (Burgers), Friday 15 March (fish and chips) and Friday 29 March (Burgers).

Looking further ahead, a date has been set for this year's Summer Fayre, which will take place on Saturday 22nd June 2024.

A reminder from the Chairman of the Village Hall to all users of the hall to please remember to close all windows and turn off all lights before you leave.

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Mar 24th - morning - Easter Egg Hunt

Apr 26th - evening - Plants and Ploughman's (come and buy your garden plants and enjoy a Ploughman's lunch).

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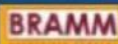
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
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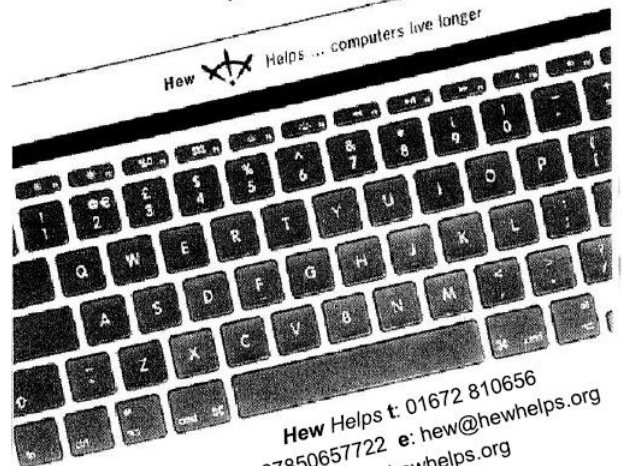
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