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## Services for April 2024

|               | 7 April<br><b>I</b><br>Easter 2      | 14 April<br><b>II</b><br>Easter 3   | 21 April<br><b>III</b><br>Easter 4                    | 28 April<br><b>IV</b><br>Easter 5       | 5 May<br><b>I</b><br>Easter 6                      |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|--|
| Badby         | 11:00<br>Holy Communion<br>CW        | <b>11:00</b><br><br><b>United Benefice<br/>Service</b><br><br><b>of</b><br><br><b>Holy<br/>Communion</b><br><br><b>at</b><br><br><b>Badby</b><br><br><b>The Rector's<br/>Last Service in<br/>the Benefice</b> | 11:00<br>Morning Worship<br>CW<br>[Lay]               | 11:00<br>Morning Service<br>CW<br>[Lay] | 11:00<br>Holy Communion<br>CW<br>[GS]              |
| Newnham       | 09:15<br>Holy Communion<br>CW        |   |   |   |  |
| Charwelton    | 17:00<br>Evensong<br>BCP<br>(Church) |   | 09:15<br>Holy<br>Communion<br>BCP<br>(Church)<br>[PA] |   | 09:15<br>Holy Communion<br>BCP<br>(Church)<br>[GS] |
| Fawsley       |                                      |   |   | 09:15<br>Holy Communion<br>BCP<br>[PA]  |  |
| Preston Capes |                                      |   |   |   |  |
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- NOTES:**
1. The service pattern will be changing for the interregnum. Please keep an eye on the Link.
  2. Third Sundays and 5th. Sundays will always be a UBS.
  3. Communion services will be taken by a priest; all other services will be lay led.

## OTHER SERVICES

Tuesday 23 April

6.30 pm

Badby

ESOW

# SUNDAY READINGS

## Principal Service CW

- for other services see Lectionary

| Date     | Feast    | Topic                   | First Reading    | Gospel         |
|----------|----------|-------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| 7 April  | Easter 2 | Let the nations be glad | Psalm 67: 1-7    | Luke 24: 13-35 |
| 14 April | Easter 3 | One last thing...       | Romans 15: 1-13  | John 20: 19-23 |
|          |          | OT Reading              | NT Reading       | Gospel         |
| 21 April | Easter 4 | Acts 4: 5-12            | 1 John 3, 16-end | John 10: 11-18 |
| 28 April | Easter 5 | Acts 8: 26-end          | 1 John 4: 7-end  | John 15: 1-8   |
| 5 May    | Easter 6 | Acts 10: 44-end         | 1 John 5: 1-6    | John 15: 9-17  |

**NOTE:** During the interregnum the readings listed here will be taken from the CW and BCP Lectionary for 2024 published by SPCK

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### HOLY BAPTISM



at Badby  
on 3 March  
Martha Rose Harris

*Shine as a light in the world,  
to the Glory of God the Father*



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# EDITORIAL

After three and a half years in the Knightley Benefice, the Rector is moving on as he describes in his letter opposite. We wish Malcolm, Liz, Lottie and Ed all the best for their lives in their new parishes in the diocese of Coventry.

I have mentioned previously that we often have hedgehogs coming into the garden to feed during the summer - but this year we have something special. We have an albino hedgehog! This little chap (I hope I haven't mis-gendered him!) first appeared - injured - last autumn in a neighbour's garden. He was taken to the rescue centre at Staverton and having recovered was later returned to them. He was fed for a while and then disappeared for the winter.

He has now emerged from hibernation and has re-appeared; this time in our garden (sorry about that, neighbours!). We have no idea where he lives but he emerges every evening at around 9.00pm and comes to feed in a little shelter we have constructed just outside our kitchen window - sometimes accompanied by another normally coloured hedgehog - and seems to appreciate the food and water we put out. We can clearly see him by the light from the back door, which doesn't appear to disturb him at all.

Albino hedgehogs are apparently very rare (about 1:100,000 according to Mr. Google), which means, given that there are only about 900,000 hedgehogs in the UK, that there are perhaps 9 or 10 albinos in the whole country. Are we not so very fortunate to have such a creature in our midst?

Staying with the wild-life theme, the blue tits along with other birds are very active just now. We have put out our two nesting boxes (complete with cameras) and are waiting to watch them start to make their nests. In the meantime I am sitting at the moment watching a robin working incredibly hard going

backwards and forwards into the hedge outside my study with beaks full of moss. And the local woodpecker is making himself heard in no uncertain fashion! ... in between visiting our bird feeder for refreshments!

The cherry trees are in full bloom and an absolutely glorious sight. When the sun shines they are covered in bees, hoverflies, and other assorted flying insects, all looking for, and finding, supplies of food. You can hear their humming from the other side of the lawn. What a wonderful time of the year this is.

Edgar Mobbs has sent some further information about this year's rainfall. Writing at the beginning of March he reports that Newnham has had 7.56 ins of rain in the last 2 months, compared with 3.31 ins in 2023. That totals 12.94 ins in 3 months compared with 5.81 ins - so more than double last year! Not good for flooding and farming as he observes. Edgar corresponds with a number of other meteorological observers in the county and it seems that we (and in particular Charwelton) were the wettest place in Northamptonshire in 2023. Aren't we lucky?

Time comes from the future, which does not yet exist, into the present, which has no duration, and goes into the past, which has ceased to exist.

*St. Augustine*

So how is it possible for anyone to waste it?

*David*

# THE RECTOR'S LETTER

## Moving out – or is that in?

When I was appointed as the vicar of the Knightley Benefice in 2020 (just before the pandemic broke) it was for a three-year period as an Interim Minister. That might seem like a fairly short period but my son is a West Ham fan and around the same time that I was invited to be the vicar here, West Ham also appointed David Moyes as their manager, also for three years – on a “long-term contract”, so I suppose it's all relative.

We've loved living in Badby and being part of the Knightley Benefice, the fancy word for this is “incarnational ministry” – living and serving here in our shared community and I shall miss those chats over coffee or whilst out walking the dog when you have shared your lives with me and I with you. It's a pattern that is modelled by God and we see it most clearly at Christmas time when we hear that God's Son to be born at Bethlehem will be called Immanuel which means “God with us.”

In fact, God never leaves us, but we sometimes struggle to believe it. We are separated from friends and families by job moves, by children growing up or by death and we wonder where is God in such a transient world? The Bible reminds us that God is always with us and points us to a time when he will make everything new. At that time there will be nothing that separates us from our loving creator God and the Message paraphrase of the Bible puts it like this, “I heard a voice thunder from the Throne: “Look! Look! God has moved into the neighbourhood, making his home with men and women! They're his people, he's their God. He'll wipe every tear from their eyes. Death is gone for good—tears gone, crying gone, pain gone—all the first order of things gone.” The Enthroned continued, “Look! I'm making everything new. Write it all down—each word dependable and accurate.””

This message of hope, love, life and reunion comes almost at the end of the Bible – a wonderful conclusion because, of course, the Bible pretty much begins with humanity spoiling our relationship with God and ushering in sin, death and separation. It is an ending

which is actually a new beginning.

The end of our time in Badby is a new beginning in the villages that we are moving to and whilst it might be a new chapter in our family's story and a new chapter for the churches of the Knightley Benefice, the constant is God who is the same yesterday, today and forever – holy, righteous, dependable, loving, gracious and just. No matter where we go or what we do as individuals, churches, or communities we are in God's heart. He is not a distant God who doesn't care about us, he is the incarnational God – God with us, God who is looking forward to “moving into the neighbourhood” and who won't just be around for three years, ten years or even fifty years but who will be with us for ever.

When Jesus came and lived amongst us his adult ministry only spanned about three and a half years, so, was he our interim God? No, Jesus is our long-term saviour, he was with God the Father at the creation of the universe before we spoil it and Jesus will reign with God the Father for ever when the promised New Creation, the

restored universe, comes into existence. The best news, though, is that Jesus shares his life with us, knowing us, loving us, even dying for us and rising again.

As I move out of our home and village, please allow me to pass something precious on to you, its an invitation; explore for yourself who this wonderful Jesus is, this God of love and salvation, of kept promises and eternal hope who journeys with us and brings us home to live with our heavenly Father for ever.

I can offer you nothing of greater value and I hope, one day, to bump into you in the new neighbourhood of God. I'll probably be the one with a dog and a mug of coffee.

Much love and best wishes,

*Malcolm*



# BENEFICE PAGE

## EVENING SERVICE OF THE WORD

This short service is held once a month on the Tuesday evening following the third Sunday at St Mary's Badby at 6.30pm. There is always a brief talk about someone inspirational. All welcome! The next dates are 23 April and 21 May.

## BADBY & DISTRICT FILM SOCIETY

### Friday 12th April: Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will be followed by a free screening for members only:

### **The Englishman Who Went up a Hill but Came down a Mountain (1995)**

When an English cartographer must tell a Welsh village that their mountain is only a hill, the offended community sets out to change that. Starring Hugh Grant and Tara Fitzgerald. "With an ample serving of Hugh Grant's trademark charm, a quirky Welsh town comes together... in this feel-good folksy tale." [92 mins, PG certificate]

### Friday 26th April:

### **A Man Called Otto (2022)**

Based on the comical and moving New York Times bestseller, A Man Called Otto tells the story of Otto Anderson (Tom Hanks), a grumpy widower whose only joy comes from criticizing and judging his exasperated neighbours. When a lively young family moves in next door, he meets his match in quick-witted and very pregnant Marisol, leading to an unexpected friendship that will turn his world upside-down. [126 mins, PG 13 Certificate]

## BADBY & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Spring finally appears to have arrived as daffodils, the odd tulip and beautiful blossom all team-up to put warmth in our hearts. We can obviously expect a few April showers but with sunny days too, when you can turn your

attention to the lawn. It's actually an exciting month, with indoor-sown seeds well into growth, and it is also time to start sowing outdoors. Just watch out for frosts.

## NGS OPEN GARDENS IN BADBY

Five gorgeous gardens in Badby will open for charity from 1-5pm on Sunday 19 May 2024. Please come along to see inspiring plants and unique garden features. Everyone is welcome, including families. Look for bright yellow signs on the day directing to gardens. Entry is £6 by cash or card at the gardens or book in advance via the NGS website ([ngs.org.uk](https://ngs.org.uk)). All proceeds go to the National Gardens Scheme. NGS is the biggest funder of nursing charities, supporting Queen's Nursing Institute, Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Carers Trust, Hospice UK, Perennial, Parkinson's UK and others. There are refreshments available too at St Mary's Church in Badby, including cake, and all proceeds support the church. We can't wait to welcome you.



# PARISH NOTICES

## BADBY

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|        | Reader                   | Sidesman                   | Coffee      |
|--------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| 31 Mar | F. Williams<br>J. Jordan | J. Jordan<br>F. Williams   | G. Nelson   |
| 7 Apr  | J. Jordan<br>S. Rose     | J. Jordan<br>J. Hall       | S. Rose     |
| 14 Apr | J. Hall<br>N. Shaw       | F. Williams<br>P. Wakeford | C. Wakeford |
| 21 Apr | C. Wakeford<br>G. Nelson | C. Nelson<br>G. Nelson     | J. Hall     |
| 28 Apr | F. Williams<br>J. Jordan | J. Jordan<br>G. Morley     | A. Syred    |

## CHURCH CLEANING ROTA FOR APRIL

w/b 1: Helen Morris, Gillie Morley, Ann Skinner  
w/b 8: Jan Cooper, Moira Cooper  
w/b 15: Jo Hind, Judy Jordan, Gill Nelson  
w/b 22: Ann Cotton, Monique Shortt, Ann Syred

## CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGERS

Thanks go to those who decorated St Mary's for Easter. Our flower arrangers give much time, and donate flowers all year round, to make the church a welcoming place for villagers and visitors. We have depleted our fund for special purchases, such as lilies for Easter. If you would like to donate, or if you love flower arranging (all abilities welcome!) please contact Jackie Peel at [jackiepeel22@gmail.com](mailto:jackiepeel22@gmail.com).  
Rota for April: 13 - 27 - Karen Alexander and Liz Hudson; 27 - 11 May - Kay Purnell.

## RESULTS

St. Mary's quiz night in the village hall was a great success, with nine teams competing, fish and chips during the interval, and proceeds from the evening totalling £829.  
We also welcomed the Half Cut Theatre again on Wednesday 13 March, when over 100 people enjoyed their production of Chaucer's Canterbury Tales.

## CHURCH DRAW

The March winners were: 1st Gill Nelson, 2nd Ann Cox, 3rd Frances Williams.

## T 4 U

All are welcome on Friday 5 April in the village hall from 2.30 - 4.30pm to enjoy games, bring knitting, eat cakes, chat with friends, small children welcome, fresh coffee, use free WiFi, in a warm space! No charge - we just need your company!

## BADBY SINGS

All abilities are welcome to sessions from 7.30 to 9pm in the village hall, £1.50 each. The dates for April are Tuesdays 9, 23 & 30 and Wednesday 17. Come and join us!

## RECORDED MUSIC SOCIETY

Members meet on Tuesday 9 April from 2 to 4pm in the village hall for Music from Shakespeare. Contact Pat Eaton on 01327 705326.

## ST. MARY'S COFFEE MORNING

The monthly coffee morning will be in the church on Tuesday 16 April. Come and join us between 10.30am and noon to enjoy coffee, cake, chat and the monthly draw.

## BLUEBELL TEAS

The village hall will be organising Bluebell Teas on Sunday 5 and Monday 6 May for residents and visitors viewing the bluebells. Would you like to join our teams who run this event: helping in the village hall, or with car parking, or assisting with signage and publicity? Karen Alexander on 01327 310780 or Monique Shortt on 01327 704184 would love to hear from you – it's enjoyable and rewarding, and you can offer as much or as little time as you are able.

## FENNELL'S FIELD

Individuals taking a short cut from the playing field picnic area into Fennell's field have damaged fencing. It will be replaced and hedging planted to stop this practice.  
People are also requested to stop walking around the perimeter, to clean up after their dogs and to keep to the public footpath. The landowner has already lost some revenue and will monitor the situation and take further action if there is no improvement.  
The parish council asks that all respect these requests and help protect our farmers' livelihoods.

## NGS OPEN GARDENS IN BADBY

See the entry on the Benefice page (p 6.)

## BADBY AND FAWSLEY WI

On Thursday 11 April we will be having an entertaining talk about "Glorious Gardening" from our very own local Horticultural Expert, Philip Turvil. After his presentation there will be an opportunity to buy some plants grown in his garden here in Badby. If you are thinking about joining this modern, lively WI why not

come along for a free taster session? Contact Jan Cooper via email at [jancooper2012@me.com](mailto:jancooper2012@me.com) or phone Moira Cooper on 01327 703292, for further information.



## NEWNHAM

Correspondent - Ellen Henning  
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### A YEAR IN THE LIFE OF NEWNHAM CHURCH

After the pandemic the normal service pattern returned, with additional services during the Easter and Christmas seasons. In May there was a service to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. The school used the church for a number of services throughout the year and the Mothers' Union for their Advent Carol Service.

Fund raising started again, with a number of events taking place, Snowdrop Day, thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Banks, Classics and Coffee, thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence, NGS Open Gardens, where lunches and teas were served, two Bingo sessions and the final event being Christmas Music with The Knightley Singers. All these events take a great deal of effort and thank you to all who contributed.

A diminishing number of people continue to clean the church and arrange flowers along with the many other housekeeping tasks that keep the church running smoothly and the building functioning. A plea to the village for help raised two responses, we are grateful for these

The church also operates a collection point for the Daventry Food Bank.

It costs approximately £20,000 a year to keep the church running. We are asked to pay a Parish Share of £14,646 to the Diocese of Peterborough but in 2023, we were only able to pay £11,000 of our Parish Share, leaving a shortfall of £3,646. The Parish Share gives us the services of a Priest and access to the Diocese's other support services, e.g. planning and legal matters. Other costs we need to pay include insurance, heat and lighting, security system and fire extinguisher servicing and licences for music. We also needed to purchase extra

signage for the fire extinguishers to make them compliant with current regulations.

We are very grateful to all who support the church through the planned giving scheme and those who come to fund raising events.

We would also like to thank the Parish Council for their work in the churchyard.

*Mary Wood Churchwarden*

### CLEANING ROTA

April 7th. Mr. & Mrs Wood  
14th. Mrs. Cooke & Mrs. Wood  
21st. Ms. J Minor  
28th. Mr. & Mrs. Ferguson

### NEWNHAM 200 CLUB

The winners of the March 24 draw are:-  
Mrs K Dennis No 183 - £50 prize  
Mrs D Crossan No 20 - £25 prize  
Mr S Stafford No 112 - £25 prize

### CLASSICS and COFFEE

On SATURDAY 4th MAY from 10.00 am Jeff and Pat Lawrence will be hosting their 3rd Classics (cars) and Coffee morning at their home, 3 Westbrook, Newnham. A number of Classic/interesting cars and motorcycles have been promised, but we still have a number of slots available:- contact Jeff on 01327 705085 or 07801 399157. Proceeds in aid of Church funds, all are welcome.

### NEWNHAM WI

Newnham WI will be meeting in the Village Hall on the 18th April at 7.30pm and our speaker for the evening will be Clare Lester from Clare Lester Creations. Clare is an artist who uses many mediums to work with and on this occasion will be working with resin and helping us to make key rings. As usual we extend a warm welcome to anyone who would like to come along and join us as a guest for the evening. There is a small admission fee of £3.00 on the door and refreshments will also be available.

We have a very interesting and varied programme of speakers coming up this year so don't forget to look out for something that may be of interest to you, and if you would like to join us as a Member of the WI



please do not hesitate to come along for a taster session.

FOOD BANK

A huge thank you to all those who continue to so generously donate items for the Daventry Food Bank. At the most recent visit it was clear that the "cost of living" crisis is having an impact. If you can spare a few food/toiletry items please place them in the box in the church porch. They will much appreciated.



CHARWELTON

Correspondent - David Pound  
(davidpound1939@talktalk.net)

|        | Reader/Sidesman | Flowers          |
|--------|-----------------|------------------|
| 7 Apr  | Amanda McCree   |                  |
| 21 Apr | David Pound     | Pauline Donnelly |
| 5 May  | Graham White    |                  |

| Chapel cleaning |               |
|-----------------|---------------|
| April           | June Pound    |
| May             | Fiona Spencer |

MOTHERING SUNDAY

Thank you to everyone who helped make posies and prepare the table of children's activities for the Mothering Sunday service. The posies formed a floral rainbow and were distributed at the service. Those remaining were taken to the Fox and Hounds and given to diners as a gift from Holy Trinity. From the comments on Facebook it is evident they were very much appreciated.

EASTER SUNDAY

Our Easter Day service on 31<sup>st</sup> March will be in the church at 9.30: please do come and join us. If you'd like to help decorate the church on the previous day in the morning, please contact Graham White 01327 264393.

This year the church will be open between 2pm and 4pm on Easter Sunday and on Bank Holiday Monday so people can enjoy the floral displays. (If

they are anything like last year's, they'll be amazing.) Refreshments will be available so why not enjoy a walk up to the church and see it in all its glory?

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting, to which you are warmly invited, will take place on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 in the Chapel. We're keen to recruit new people who can bring fresh ideas to the PCC. If that might be you, you can find out more at this meeting.

CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

A final reminder for those who would like to join the church Electoral Roll: please contact Penny Cory (PCC Secretary) pennycory@yahoo.co.uk by Monday 29th.

100 CLUB

The winning tickets for January and February are as follows:

January No. 75 - Caitlin & Corin Williams  
February No 19 - Mel Quirke

OPEN GARDENS 30th June

Please get in touch with Bev at Wensum House if you are planning to showcase your garden on the 30th June  
07931 793491

**Come and enjoy the  
Easter flowers in  
Holy Trinity Church  
Charwelton**

**Easter Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March and  
Bank Holiday Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April  
2pm until 4 pm**

**Refreshments available**

## AUTUMN QUIZ NIGHT

The proposed date of 27th September will have to be changed. A new date will be announced nearer the time.

## HANDY-PERSON HANDS

Are you able to offer a helping hand with odd jobs as and when the village hall needs some support? If so please get in touch with Dawn 07866 557238 or Trish 01327 261817.

## WHIST DRIVE

The next village hall whist drive is on Monday, 15th April at 7.30pm. It would be lovely to see more villagers there, as well as people from surrounding villages. It is a really sociable evening with nice prizes, a raffle and home-made refreshments at half-time.



## FAWSLEY

Correspondent - Vacant

## LITTER PICK

Many thanks to those who participated and collected 8 heavy bags of litter. Also a special thanks to Richard and Sue Jarvis for providing the refreshments to the volunteers afterwards.

## ANNUAL VESTRY AND PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

This will take place on 20th May at 2:00pm in the church. All parishioners can attend but only those on the church Electoral Roll are able to vote. Applications to be added to the Electoral Rolls can be obtained from Robin Baker.



## PRESTON CAPES

Correspondent - Claire Hoare  
caghoare@gmail.com

|        | Reader             | Sidesman | Cleaning |
|--------|--------------------|----------|----------|
| 14 Apr | UBS at Badby 11:00 |          |          |

## REV MALCOLM INGHAM

We wish Malcolm and his family happiness in his new Parishes, with thanks for his three and a half years service in this Benefice. Malcolm's final service will be a UBS at Badby on 14th April.

## INTERREGNUM

After Malcolm leaves in April, we go into Interregnum until new arrangements are made. This may last for some time.

The services will not follow the current pattern. Please check in this magazine for times and places.

## EASTER FLOWERS

All flower arrangers - please put your flowers into the church on Easter Saturday. Thank you.

## DIXIE HUGHES PLAQUE

Firstly I would like to say a huge 'Thank you' to all concerned. I cannot thank you all personally, as I know some wanted to remain anonymous.

Dixie would have been so touched, as I am, for this wonderful gesture.

The plaque has very fittingly been placed on the garden side wall of the Village Hall.

Thank you again

*Roma*

## PRESTON CAPES VILLAGE HALL QUIZ NIGHT AND FISH AND CHIP SUPPER! Saturday, 13th April - Bar Opens at 7.00pm

Quiz Master David Wilkinson will present another exciting quiz night! Teams of no more than 6 please but: No team? No problem! Please come along and we will find you a team to join.

Entry £5. Optional Fish and Chips £10.  
Fish and Chip orders must be received before Sunday, 7th April.

PRESTON CAPES VILLAGE HALL  
MURDER MYSTERY NIGHT AND DINNER  
Saturday 11th May

It's the glamorous era of the 1930s. It is a time of prosperity for the social elite and the residents of Merkister Hall, Brigadier Balderdash and his wife Lotta, are just two of those with a very comfortable life. The Balderdash's regularly hold sumptuous dinner parties and this evening was no exception. Everything is going as planned, with one exception: The butler, Laversham has been discovered dead, in the billiard room. Who did it?

Tickets are £15 per head available from [rachel.a.bracher@gmail.com](mailto:rachel.a.bracher@gmail.com)

BYFIELD MEDICAL CENTRE

The spring Covid vaccination programme will soon be available but only to the all over 75's and the severely immunosuppressed. Unfortunately the same criteria will probably be applied for the winter flu vaccinations. For the last 2 years the surgery has bought the vaccines needed for their qualifying patients but these have not been taken up as people have opted for vaccinations elsewhere and this has cost the surgery money. They have taken the decision to only order the vaccines needed for the above categories.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

This month's meeting takes place at the village hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Instead of our usual speaker, we shall be discussing and voting on this year's annual resolution, followed by a "beetle drive".

Guests and prospective members are still welcome to attend – please let our secretary know if you would like to come along by emailing [PennyEves@aol.com](mailto:PennyEves@aol.com) or phoning 361656.



## DIARY

This diary records the proposed dates of any benefice, parish or village events. We hope that this

will help those planning such events to know what else is going on and therefore be able to avoid any unhelpful clashes of dates.

If you know, or become aware, of events which ought to be recorded please let David Pound, or your village Link correspondent, know.

Events known about so far are:

### April

- 5 T4U Badby VH
- 9 Benefice Council, Venue TBC 7.30
- 11 Badby & Fawsley WI
- 12 Film Soc. AGM (Members only)
- 13 Preston Capes Quiz
- 15 Charwelton Whist
- 18 Newnham Hist. Soc - The Shoe Must Go On
- 18 Newnham WI
- 20 District bellringers at Preston Capes
- 23 Preston Capes WI
- 26 PC VH Coffee Morning
- 26 Newnham Quiz
- 26 Film Soc.
- 30 Badby PCC

### May

- 1 Charwelton PCC
- 4 Classic Cars Newnham
- 5/6 Badby Bluebell teas
- 7 Newnham PCC
- 8 Charwelton APCM
- 8 Electrical testing in Badby Church
- 11 Film Soc. opera
- 11 PC Murder & Mystery evening
- 13 Preston Capes Plant Sale and Coffee Morning
- 19 Badby NGS Open Gardens
- 24 PC VH Coffee Morning
- 26 Newnham NGS Open Gardens
- 28 Badby PCC and APCM
- 31 Film Soc.

### June

- 6 Newnham D-Day 8 Beacon
- 7 Newnham, Daventry Brass Concert
- 15 District bell ringers at Badby
- 28 PC VH Coffee Morning
- 30 Charwelton Open Gardens

## July

- 2 Newnham PCC
- 3 Charwelton PCC
- 13 Newnham Music on the Green
- 26 PC VH Coffee Morning
- 30 Badby PCC

## August

- 23 PC VH Coffee Morning

## September

- 3 Newnham PCC
- 4 Charwelton PCC
- 21 District bellringers at Newnham
- 24 Badby PCC
- 27 PC VH Coffee Morning

## October

- 25 PC VH Coffee Morning

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# POTS & PLANS: WHAT TO DO IN YOUR GARDEN THIS APRIL

*Philip Turvil, Garden designer in Badby.*

We're off! Garden plants love April with the warm and wet weather. Below are my go-to priorities for this month.

### Less is more

In the veg patch, sow little and often to get lots of smaller harvests. It's also nice to harvest young for a snack.

This 'succession' sowing/cropping also gives horticultural insurance if one crop falls foul of a pest or the weather. Leave 3-4 weeks between sowing: carrots, beetroot, lettuce, pea, coriander, rocket, spinach, French beans, radish, mini cabbage, (deep breadth), spring onions, basil, cilantro, dill, kohlrabi, mizuna, Swiss chard... and other crops that are harvestable within a few weeks of sowing.

### More is more

Lots of compost is best for seed potatoes planted this month. Space too, with spuds best positioned a 1ft apart in rows 1.5ft apart (ideally more for 'main crop' varieties that grow for longer).

Protect emerging shoots from frost. Then once plants are 9-12 in tall, 'earth-up' by pulling up soil from between rows to partially cover the leaves (leaving 6in. of growth above ground each time). This increases yield if done 2-3 times.

### Snip, snip

The moment my secateurs were waiting more. It's time to prune early flowering shrubs as their flowers fade. Prioritise removing dead/damaged and congested growth.

For open-branched shrubs, like forsythia and chaenomeles, thin out or shorten older branches. For denser shrubs, like winter Jasmine and winter heather, trim to your preferred shape. The shrubs will then produce new growth that will flower next winter/spring

### The unveiling...

Hardy woody fuchsias reveal all in April. Their top growth is usually killed by winter cold, so it's a tense wait to see what has survived. Hopefully you'll see new growth sprout from lower down branches or the base. Come late April, cut off dead growth and anything else to give a nice shape that's not too congested.

### Tie in

Climbers send out long shoots in spring looking for support. Tie in new shoots early to direct their growth where you'd like it. This is much easier when they're still bendy. Remove any surplus shoots.

### Untie

Many young trees die when their stakes and ties become too tight. Check your trees 2-3 times a year to ensure stakes and ties are supportive, but not restrictive. Or remove if the tree is robust without support.

### Deadhead

Remove faded flowers from bulbs, but leave their foliage to die back naturally. Deadline winter bedding plants too to extend their display and limit self-seeding, especially pansies.

Right, I'm off to do some weeding. My best wishes to you and your garden.

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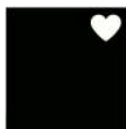
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### **Council Update**

The Council met on the 4<sup>th</sup> March. The key discussion points were the Parish Council website, traffic calming and policy review.

Hopefully, by the time you read this, work will have started on the **flooding improvement** programme, with this phase planned to run from 25<sup>th</sup> March to 24<sup>th</sup> April. Communications from Kier, West Northamptonshire Council's partner in this work, have been clear but if anyone has any concerns or comments, we have been advised to contact Customer Services on 0300 126 7000 or 01604 529700.

We continue to monitor data from the **speed indicator devices** around the village and have a site meeting arranged in April with Highways to look at specific sites of concern, with the initial priority being the Mounts Lane/Weedon Road junction.

We considered options to replace the Council's provider of its website services, and will make a final decision at the April meeting. In parallel with this, we have spoken to many organisations in the village about the principle of a **village website**, with the unanimous response being supportive of the idea. An initial meeting has been arranged to get the ball rolling.

This year's grass mowing contract has started. We have opted for weekly cuts until the end of June, and then fortnightly thereafter. There will be a separate strimming contract. If you have questions or concerns about grass cutting in and around the village, please let us know.

Another sign of summer was a request from the Village Hall Management Committee for a license for Music on the Green on 13<sup>th</sup> July. The request was approved – save the date!

A number of miscellaneous items were also discussed – a new electricity contract for the street lights, street light repair, minor repairs to playground equipment and planning applications.

The **next Parish Council Meeting is Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April**, starting at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.



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