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Services for March 2026

	1 March I Lent 2	8 March II Lent 3	15 March III Mothering Sunday	22 March IV Lent 5	29 March V PALM SUNDAY	5 April I EASTER
Badby	11:00 Holy Communion CW [GS]	11:00 Morning Worship [Lay SR]	10:00 Morning Worship [Lay SR]	11:00 Morning Worship [Lay NS]	United Benefice Service of Holy Communion CW at Badby [GS]	11:00 Holy Communion CW [GS]
Newnham	X	X	X	11:00 Holy Communion CW [MB]		11:00 Holy Communion CW [+EC]
Charwelton	09:15 Holy Communion BCP (Church) [GS]	X	10:00 MS Service (Chapel) [Lay GW]	17:00 Evensong BCP (Chapel) [Lay GW]		09:15 Holy Communion BCP (Church) {GS}
Fawsley	X	11:00 Holy Communion BCP [CP]	X	X		11:00 Holy Communion BCP [KM]
Preston Capes	X	09:15 Holy Communion CW [CP]	10:00 Mornming Worship [Lay HW]	10:00 Morning Prayer BCP [Lay LB]		09:15 Holy Communion CW [KM]
Everdon	X	11:00 Holy Communion CW [AS]	X	11:00 Morning Prayer BCP [Lay ET]		11:00 Holy Communion CW [AS]

OTHER SERVICES

Tuesday 17th. March 6.30 pm Badby ESOW
For Holy Week services see p 3.

SUNDAY READINGS

Principal Service CW

- for other services see Lectionary

Date	Feast	OT Reading	NT Reading	Gospel
1 Mar	Lent 2	Gen. 12, 1-4a	Rom. 4, 1-5 & 13-17	John 3, 1-17
8 Mar	Lent 3	Exod. 17, 1-7	Rom. 5, 1-11	John 4, 5-42
15 Mar	Mothering Sunday	Exod. 2, 1-10	2 Cor. 1, 3-7	Luke 2, 33-35
22 Mar	Lent 5	Ezek. 37, 1-14	Rom. 8, 6-11	John 11, 1-45
29 Mar	PALM SUNDAY	<i>For the Procession</i>		
		Isa. 50, 4-9a	Phil 2, 5-11	Matt. 21, 1-11
5 Apr	EASTER	Acts 10, 34-43	Col. 3, 1-4	John 20, 1-18

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

The services for Holy Week will be:-

Monday 1930

Compline at Newnham

Tuesday 1930

Compline at Everdon

Wednesday 1930

Compline at Preston Capes

Maundy Thursday 1930

HC at Badby

Good Friday 1000

Stations of the Cross at

Fawsley



EDITORIAL

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Everdon to the Knightley Benefice this month. You will have noticed from our front page that the wheels of the CofE have eventually ground slowly to the point at which this long awaited event has finally been signed, sealed, and delivered.

Everdon was inducted (if that is the right word) into the workings of the Knightley Benefice at a special Benefice Council meeting on 16th. February, and we look forward to joining with them in the full life of the Benefice.

There was an excellent, though somewhat unusual, service at Charwelton Chapel on Ash Wednesday. For some reason no arrangements had been made beforehand for the Communion part of the service and thus there was no bread., wine etc. available as the service time approached.

Greg however was not going to allow that to spoil the service and so messengers were despatched to remedy matters. Graham went home to get water, a wine glass, and a tea plate, June raked out some home-made bread (originally destined for our breakfast the next morning), and half a bottle of red wine left over from our supper (and by no means up to the standard usually sold by Greg!), Nicola had a pack of paper tissues in her bag, and the loudspeaker stand was pressed into service as a credence table. By these sorts of means we managed to procure all that was needed - and in very much the same way as might have been used at the original Last Supper 2000 years ago. Very much "back to basics" and it gave us a great sense of history.

In addition there was no music version of the English Hymnal (that was in the Church) but Giles played the hymns very impressively from

scores which he managed to find on his phone and play from that little screen.

All in all a memorable service for many reasons, and a splendid example of what can be achieved from limited resources when we all work together.

Many thanks to all involved.

Don't forget that the clocks go **FORWARD** an hour on the morning of Palm Sunday!!

A quotation from an (unidentified) Agony Aunt column:

"My wife and I have decided we don't want kids.

So, if you do want children, message me and we will drop them off tomorrow."

David



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PASTORAL LETTER

Lent 2026 - 'Draw Near'

Lent is traditionally a time when Christians take time to reflect what it means to be a follower of Jesus and to prepare for the celebrations of Easter. This year, the Church of England has produced some materials under the heading, 'Draw Near', to help us develop some life-giving habits that will help us in our daily lives to draw nearer to Jesus.

Throughout the bible we read of people who encounter Jesus in amazing ways and whose lives are transformed. Often the story ends there, but of course, that is just the start of the journey. As followers of Jesus, we know that the journey continues as we build on our relationship with and understanding of God. Central to the journey lie certain habits that can help us: worshipping together, praying, reading and exploring the bible, sharing communion, offering service to those around us, and sharing the good news we have come to discover.

I wonder, this Lent, what you might focus on to deepen your own



discipleship and nurture your spiritual life. As we draw near to God, he draws near to us and we can know his presence with us more fully. As Richard of Chichester prayed: ‘

*may we know thee more clearly,
love thee more dearly, and follow
thee more nearly, day by day.’*

+ Debbie

*The Rt Revd Debbie Sellin
Bishop of Peterborough*

BENEFICE PAGE

EVENING SERVICE OF THE WORD

This short lay-led service is held once a month on the Tuesday evening following the third Sunday at St Mary's Badby from 6.30pm to 7pm. The next meets will be on 17 March and 21 April. There is always a brief talk about someone inspirational. All welcome!

LENT COURSE

There will be three Lent Course sessions this year. All will be held in Charwelton Chapel on Wednesday evenings and all will start at 1930hrs.

- Feb 25 "Prayer" led by GS and GH
- Mar 11 "The Rosary" led by GW and HW
- Mar 25 Subject *tba* led by GS and SR

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

The services for Holy Week will be:-

- Mon. Compline at Newnham 1930
- Tue. Compline at Everdon 1930
- Wed. Compline at Preston Capes 1930
- Maundy Thursday HC at Badby 1930
- Fri. Stations of the Cross at Fawsley 1000

BADBY OPEN GARDENS

Five gorgeous gardens in Badby, including one opening for the first time, will open for charity from 1-5pm on Sunday 17 May 2026. 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). 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.

BADBY AND DISTRICT FILM SOCIETY

Friday 27th February: War of the Buttons (1994) Comedy/drama about two rival boys' gangs in Ireland – one working class, the other middle class – engaging in mischievous battles using humiliating tactics like cutting off buttons and removing underwear. Set and filmed in County Cork, it's based on the popular 1912 French novel, *La Guerre des Boutons*. It examines issues of conflict and violence: how war can divide people who could be friends as easily as enemies. Written by Colin Welland and produced by David Puttnam. "Warm, lovely little film." [91 mins, 12 certificate]

Friday 13th March: Annual General Meeting Our AGM will be followed by a free screening for members only:

Wilding (2024) The story of a young couple that bets on nature for the future of their failing, 400-year-old estate, the Knepp Wildland in West Sussex. Ripping down the fences, they set the land back to the wild and entrust its recovery to a motley mix of animals, both tame and wild. [98 mins, PG certificate]

Friday 27th March: A Real Pain (2024)

Two mismatched cousins reunite for a tour through Poland to honour their beloved grandmother, but their old tensions resurface against a backdrop of their family history. Directed, written by and starring Jesse Eisenberg, supported by Kieran Culkin. [90 mins, 15 certificate]



PARISH NOTICES

BADBY

Correspondent - Geoff Pullin (gcsspullin@yahoo.com)
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	Reader	Sidesman	Coffee
1 Mar	F. Williams J. Hall	J. Jordan G. Nelson	G. Morley
8 Mar	N. Shaw G. Nelson	J. Jordan N. Shaw	G. Nelson
15 Mar	J. Peel J. Hall	P. Wakeford C. Wakeford	N. Shaw
22 Mar	J. Jordan C. Richards	G. Morley G. Nelson	C. Richards
29 Mar	G. White M. Wood	F. Williams J. Hall	J. Jordan

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA FOR MARCH

w/b 2: Gillie Morley, Ann Skinner, Helen Morris
 w/b 9: Jan Cooper, Moira Cooper
 w/b 16: Jo Hind, Judy Jordan, Gill Nelson
 w/b 23: Ann Cotton, Monique Shortt, Ann Syred

MOTHERING SUNDAY

Come and celebrate Mothering Sunday with us at St Mary's on Sunday, 15 March, at 11:00 am. We'll be making posies together during the service, followed by homemade refreshments.

BADBY BELLS

A group of volunteers, many from the village, will help the professional bellhanger to off-load and hoist the bells and new fittings into the tower starting on Monday 2 March all being well! Hopefully the bells will be ringable and the clock chiming again by Sunday, 8 March with the first practice on Wednesday, March 11. There will be a CCTV screen in the church so you can drop in to see work in progress up the tower.

SOUP LUNCHES

Our Lent soup lunches are now up and running. You'll be too late for the February dates, but there are lunches in March - on 5th (Elizabeth Hall), 13th (Jan Cooper), 20th (Monique Shortt) and 27th (Rachel Brodie), so contact the hosts to see if they have a place left. We suggest guests pay £10 each this year, which will be a donation to St. Mary's.

T 4 U

Do come and enjoy good tea, chat and cakes in the village hall on Friday, 6 March from 2.30-4.30pm.

BADBY VILLAGE HALL

There will be an Open Afternoon from 2 to 4pm on Sunday 22 March to mark the opening of the new courtyard. Come along for a free tea or coffee, see the new area and talk about any birthdays, receptions, etc. you may have where you would like to hire the Hall. We are having a Spring Clean on Saturday 7 March, 10am to 1pm, to get the Hall and surrounding area spick and span for the coming season. Join us to help with everything from cleaning windows and planting the new flower bed to light DIY work. Please contact Peter Cooper (07792 165529, peter.bvhmc@btinternet.com) if you are able to help.

Thanks to everyone who attended or helped to run the Burns Night Supper and Dancing, which raised over £1,000 to support the Hall. We are looking for volunteers to help run Bluebell Teas on Sunday 3 and Monday 4 May – if you can offer some time (or cakes!), please contact Ann Cotton (07710 406317) or Peter Cooper.

RECORDED MUSIC SOCIETY

In like a Lion and out like a Lamb? For Tuesday 10 March in the village hall from 2 to 4pm members are asked to pick a piece of music

echoing wild and stormy weather. Contact Pat Eaton on 01327 705326.

BADBY & FARTHINGSTONE CRICKET CLUB

The AGM will be held on Tuesday 10 March at 7.30pm at The Heart of England, Weedon. Maybe you could help with preparing the ground for games, providing teas or drinks on a match day, helping out with the admin. or just grabbing a bat and playing for the club. Please message the club or email andyningale234@gmail.com

BADBY & FAWSLEY WI

Our meeting on Thursday 12 March will be our AGM (members only) followed by a fund raising Bring and Buy Sale. New members very welcome to our ordinary meetings. To arrange a free visit or for further information about this thriving and friendly WI, please contact Jan Cooper on jancooper2012@me.com or Jackie Peel on jackiepeel22@gmail.com

COFFEE MORNING

Our next coffee morning will be on Tuesday 17 March in St. Mary's, from 10.30am to noon. Come and join us, not for pancakes this time, but for the usual cakes, coffee and tea. The monthly Church draw will be done and all are welcome to join us. The winners in the February Church draw were: 1st: Frances Williams, 2nd: George Hartshorn, 3rd: Gwen Edwards. To join the draw, please contact Frances Williams.

BADBY AND ITS HISTORY

Some of the group which produced an exhibition on Badby history in 2018 are putting together a Badby Village History event in the village hall from 2 to 5pm on Sunday 12 July. It will look at how Badby today links back to its long and diverse historical roots. We will also be sounding out whether a new group would be of interest to residents.

The event will also be an opportunity to gather anecdotal and documentary information that people hold about Badby's past, adding to the material from the original exhibition, now on the village website at www.badby-pc.gov.uk/history. For more information see

<https://badby-pc.gov.uk/community/groups/badby-history-group/> or contact badbyhistorygroup@gmail.com.

HARLEM JAZZ

The concert at the village hall by Harlem Jazz Orchestra on Saturday, 30 May is now fully booked. There are always a few cancellations nearer to the date, so please ask Bob Caldwell on 07703 821042 to add your name to the list if you would like to come.



NEWNHAM

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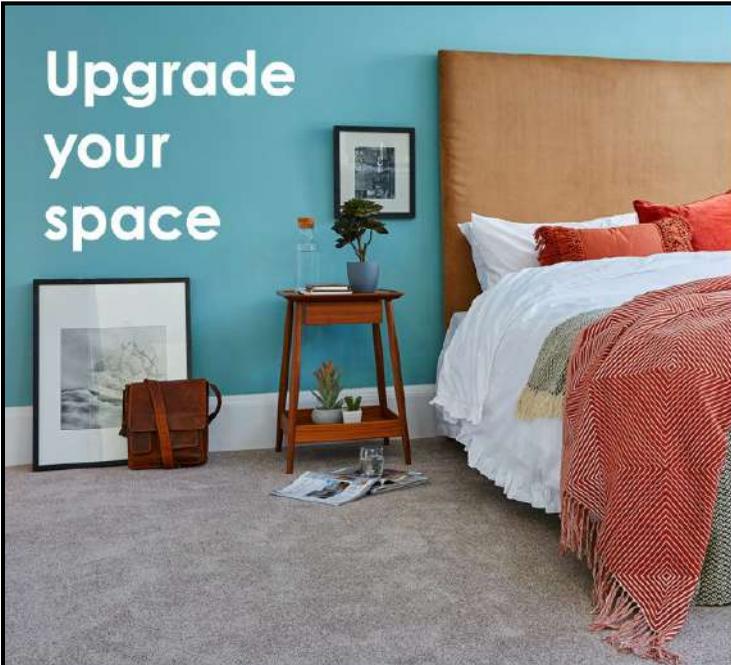
BRIAN PRICE RIP

Brian, who sadly died towards the end of last year was born on 2nd October 1939 just at the outbreak of the second world war. His father was an engineer in the RAF which meant that much of his early life was spent at various locations dependent on his fathers deployment

Brian was educated at Tonbridge school and subsequently qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1962. He was a Member of the Council of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales 1987 -1993 and was seconded to the Inner City Regeneration team of the Department of the Environment as an Accountant Member 1988 - 1989.

Brian married Juliet from North Wales (Anglesey) in 1966 and they had two children,

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Edmund and Henry who were raised in London. Juliet died in 1997 after a long illness through which Brian cared for her at their home in Putney. He subsequently married Mary and they moved to Westfields in Newnham.

Brian's many appointments include :- Treasurer of " Fight for Sight " 1980 - 1988, Governor of the Royal National College for the Blind 1982 - 1990, Chairman Aero-Print - an airline ticket company in Aylesbury, a Manager of St Andrews Psychiatric Hospital Northampton 2001 - 2006, Managing Director of Banbury Community Transport Association 2005 - 2012, Master of the Worshipful Company of Curriers 2010 -2011, Chairman Daventry Constituency Conservative Association 2012 - 2014, Chairman Newnham Parochial Church Council. all truly remarkable achievements.

Brian was always interested in farming and for many years owned a magnificent herd of Red Poll cattle. He was a fanatical fan of Rugby Union and Rowing.

His raucous laugh and firm handshake epitomised his warm nature. He was very much respected by the entire Newnham Village Community, and he will be sadly missed.
JL

NEWNHAM 200 CLUB

February draw results are:

No 67 Mrs C Berrovets £50
No 107 Mrs J Ashwell £25
No 103 Mr & Mrs Snelson £25

NEWNHAM'S CLEANING ROTA FOR MARCH

1st. March Mr. and Mrs. Wood
8th. March Mrs. Cooke and Mrs. Rees
15th. March Ms. J Minor and Mrs. J Ferguson
22nd. March Mr. and Mrs. Rees
29th. March Mr. and Mrs. Wood

SNOWDROP SUNDAY

Thank you to all who supported this event. The weather had been dreadful for days, prior to the 8th. February but on that afternoon the rain stopped and even the sun put in a few appearances.

The snowdrops at the Nuttery and around the village were at their best and a good number of people came to view them and partake of tea and cake in the Village Hall.

Once again thank you to all who supported this successful event and to Mr. and Mrs. Banks for opening up their garden.

CLASSICS and COFFEE

On SATURDAY 25th APRIL from 10.00 am Jeff Lawrence will be hosting his 4th Classic (vehicles) and Coffee morning at 3, Westbrook, Newnham. If you have a classic/interesting car, motorcycle or other vehicle you would like to display contact Jeff asap on (01327) 705085 or 0759801574 We still have some slots available. Proceeds in aid of Church funds, all are welcome.

NEWNHAM VILLAGE HALL

On Saturday 7th March we welcome back 4 comedians from The Comedy Crate for an evening of fun. Licensed bar. Doors open 7pm. Tickets £15 from www.thecomedyrate.com

NEWNHAM WI

Thursday 19th March. AGM with cheese and wine competition. 7.30pm in the Village Hall

NEWNHAM VILLAGE GARAGE SALE

Saturday 25th April 10am -2 pm. Advance warning to give you time to get all those unwanted items ready for sale. To secure a pitch on the map at either your own garage/space (£5) or have a table in the Village hall (£10) contact Jo - joburrows@hotmail.co.uk or 07540405290

CHARWELTON

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	Reader/Sidesman	Flowers
1 Mar	Elizabeth Bird	None
15 Mar	TBA	"
22 Mar	Penny Cory	"

Chapel cleaning	
March	Meryl Nicholls
April	June Pound

VILLAGE HISTORY DAY

The Village History Day held on 31 January was an outstanding success. We welcomed well over 100 people during the afternoon, almost all of whom expressed thanks, and took £458 in donations and for teas (and it wasn't designed to be a fund-raiser!) split between the VH and the PCC.

Many thanks indeed to all who attended or contributed in any way.

VILLAGE HALL AGM

This took place Monday 09/02 and disappointingly nobody other than Committee Members attended!

The Finance report will be posted on the VH Notice Board

WARM SPACES

Feb dates were really well attended and seemed to be thoroughly enjoyed by all. The dates for March are Mon. 02/03 and Mon. 09/03 please attend if you are able.

VH FACILITY UPGRADES

These are now underway courtesy of The National Lottery Grant. The toilet has been refurbished and a new heater and water heating fitted. We now move on to a new outside hand rail and upgrading the Heating System and changing the water system in the

kitchen.

To date all work has been carried out by tradesmen who live in the Village which we believe is a good way to go.

QUIZ NIGHT

This should be in your diaries already as Friday 13/03

The tables are going very quickly so please hurry and contact either Trish or Dawn to book your table before its too late!

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Saturday 04/04. There is a small typo in the flyer - it's an **Easter** Trail (not an **Eater** Trail!) The trail sheets will be available from 10.00 am on the day with the fun and games starting in the VH at 3.00pm
Let's make this a Family Day please with both adults and children.

RBL POPPY DAY

Graham White wishes to thank all those who contributed to the Poppy Day Appeal last November. The proceeds amounted to:

The Fox and Hounds - £27.50

House-to-house collection - £211.08

GW

SAVE THE DATE SATURDAY 6TH JUNE

After the success of last year's concert, and by popular demand, Rushden Town Band will be holding another summer concert in Charwelton church. So put Saturday 6th June 7.30pm in your diary. If you visit the band's Facebook page you can see and hear them in action at Charwelton last summer. This will certainly be a fun night out for all the family, with music for all tastes. It'll be hard to stop your foot tapping!

Further information will follow.



FAWSLEY

Correspondent - Vacant

PAM GILES 1934-2025

Born on 5 April 1934 at 87 Warwick Street, Daventry, Pam grew up in a close-knit household with her parents, Doris and Arthur, and her older sister, Mary. Her father, a foreman at Stead & Simpson, and her mother, a devoted homemaker, instilled in her the values of hard work, kindness and responsibility. Educated at Daventry Grammar School, Pam's academic promise was evident early on; unusually she was advanced a year and relished learning. After training briefly as a nursery nurse, she found her strengths lay elsewhere. Administrative roles at KW Coaches and later at Lloyds Bank in Daventry followed, where she proved trusted and capable — even transporting soldiers' wages to Weedon Depot each week, a very responsible task for someone so young.

On New Year' Eve 1953, at a Stead & Simpson' dance, she met John who had moved to Fawsley as a boy in 1938. They married at Daventry Holy Cross Church in September 1955, beginning a partnership that would span six decades and see them celebrate their diamond anniversary in 2015. Their early years together were spent at Little Fawsley, where sons Brendan and Rod were born. In 1960 the family moved to run Giles Garage on London Road, building a successful business together over 30 years.

Travel and shared passions enriched their lives. Annual European holidays - long before online bookings - were navigated by Pam, map in hand. A love of golf saw her become Lady Captain at Daventry Golf Club, while in retirement she and John played competitively around the world. They also ran PJ Dance Clubs in Braunston and Barby, indulging a lifelong enthusiasm for ballroom dancing. Pam even took to motor racing at venues around the UK including Silverstone, gamely embracing John'

passion for motor racing.

Community life was central to her. A member of the Townswomen' Guild from the age of 18, she later became its President and counted a Buckingham Palace garden party among her proudest moments. She served Fawsley Parish Council with dedication and organised a popular whist club in Daventry, always happiest bringing people together.

Fiercely independent to the end, Pam remained active despite a cancer diagnosis in 2025. She died shortly after moving into Danetre Hospital, where her family were comforted by the care she received. A devoted grandmother and great-grandmother, she will be remembered for her strength of spirit, her warmth of heart, and her lifelong commitment to others.

Rod Giles
13th February 2026

There will be a Memorial Service for Pam on Friday 20 March at 11.00 at Fawsley.



PRESTON CAPES

Correspondent - Claire Hoare
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	Reader	Sidesman	Cleaning
8 Mar	Kevin Smith	Mireya Weaver	Cleaning delayed until May
15 Mar	Heather Wilson	Anabel Lewis-Bowen	
22 Mar	Bridget Whittaker	Peter Smith	

No flowers until Easter.

CHURCH ROOF UPDATE - April 1st start

Thank you to all of you who have contributed to the Appeal which is now technically closed (but always still open!, late gifts welcome). The figure raised is an amazing and wonderful £6860.

This backing convinced the PCC to order the works, for with all sources of funds we can afford the £52k of work and steel, to give us a long life roof over the North Aisle. At this stage we cannot afford the down pipe replacement, which was not vital but cosmetic. Thank you again to everyone who helped make this decision possible.

We have Bats! so importantly work is only permitted when disturbance to them and their breeding is minimal. April is a month that is preferred by Natural England who control this. Consequently we have ordered the work for this April; starting on 1st. Scaffolding will go up at the end of March. The Roof contractor is The Leadworks PLC.

Access to an unimpeded church gate at all times, will be vital please as fast working is going to be necessary, and we fear that car parking may be more problematic, short term, for which we apologise.

Easter Services will be as normal with a small area of the church covered in see through plastic.

The Easter Egg Hunt which we welcome, will take place in the south and east side churchyard to avoid any danger around the scaffolding.

THE PCC

Pop up Shop Sunday 29th March in the Village Hall 12.00. Come along to buy Easter goodies, cakes, biscuits, quiches and other delicious foods.

PCC MEETING

Friday 27th March 17.00 at Old West Farm

PERFECT PLANT SALE AND COFFEE MORNING

Monday 11th May - Save the Date

The annual plant sale and coffee morning will

be at The Old Rectory, by kind permission of Luke and Tic Bridgeman, on Monday 11th May, 10.00 - 12.30. Lots of plants, including Cosmos and Nicotiana. Delicious cakes for sale and more. Coffee, tea and biscuits included in entry. Please put the date in your diary.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

A brief round-up of speakers for the remainder of the year:

26th May – *Stages – My Life On and Off!*

23rd June – *To the Manor Born*

28th July – *You Cannot be Serious*

25th August – *True Crowns – Living with Alopecia*

22nd September – *The Roles of a Film and Television Extra*

27th October – *TBC (Watch this Space!)*

24th November – *Dot Mandala Baubles (Christmas crafting)*

All meetings are held at the village hall. Doors open at 7.30pm and talks generally start around 8.00pm (after the "business" part of our meeting). We charge £6.00, which contributes to our speaker's charge and also refreshments.

If you would like to join us for any of the above evenings, please email our secretary, Anabel Lewis-Bowen (alewisbowen@btinternet.com) direct to book a place. (Bookings can be made now or nearer the date, but ideally at least a week in advance to allow for catering arrangements!)

VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNING

This month's coffee morning will be on Friday, 27th March, from 10.30am to noon. Tea/coffee and biscuits - £1.00. Slice of cake - £1.50.

A heads-up that from next month we are hoping to sell a small selection of cakes and plants at each coffee morning.



EVERDON

Correspondent - Nigel Platts
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JOINING WITH THE KNIGHTLEY BENEFICE

Everdon PCC are delighted that following a lengthy period of consultation, St Mary's Church has been incorporated into the Knightley Benefice (joining the parishes of Badby, Newnham, Fawsley, Preston Capes and Charwelton).

Though we still don't have a priest for the benefice, the members of St Mary's Church will continue to run church activities themselves until an appointment is made.

We will continue to hold services twice a month in Everdon, on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. One of these will be Holy Communion and the other a more informal Family Sunday Worship service. As well as these, we will still be holding 'life-event' services, plus occasional special services, for example, Christmas Carols.

DONATIONS

Recently we have received a thank you letter from the Royal British Legion for our donation of the Remembrance Day Service collection (£145). We also donated £250 to the Children's Society, raised at our Christmas Carol Service.

CONCERT

Planning is also underway for the Back in Time concert being held on 27th June this year.



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:

March

- 3 Newnham PCC
- 4 BC meeting at Charwelton Chapel
- 7 Newnham Comedy Night
- 9 Charwelton PCC
- 10 Badby PCC
- 10 B&F Cricket Club AGM
- 11 Charwelton PCC
- 13 Film Soc. AGM BVH
- 13 Charwelton Quiz Night
- 22 Opening of new courtyard at BVH
- 27 Film Soc. BVH
- 27 Preston Capes PCC
- 29 Preston Capes Pop-up Shop



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April

- 4 Charwelton Easter Eggstravaganza
- 11 Film Soc. opera BVH
- 23 Newnham History Society
- 24 Film Soc. BVH
- 25 Newnham Garage Sale

May

- 5 Newnham PCC
- 6 Charwelton PCC
- 11 Perfect plant sale Preston Capes
- 17 Badby NGS Open Gardens & Teas
- 23 Newnham History Soc.
- 24 Newnham NGS Open gardens
- 25 Bell Sunday Badby
- 29 Film Soc. BVH

June

- 3 Benefice Council
- 6 Charwelton concert by Rushden Town Band
- 13 Segovia's Guitar Legacy, Badby Church
- 13 Newnham Quiz Night VH
- 14 Newnham Open Gardens
- 20 District bellringers at Newnham 3.30pm
- 26 Film Soc. BVH
- 28 Badby Bells and barbecue

July

- 1 Charwelton PCC
- 7 Newnham PCC
- 11 Newnham Music on the Green
- 12 Village History BVH
- 14 Badby PCC
- 18 District bellringers at Badby 3.00pm
- 18 District bellringers at Charwelton 7.00pm
- 31 Film Soc. BVH



August

- 5 Benefice Council
- 21 Film Soc. BVH

September

- 1 Newnham PCC
- 2 Charwelton PCC
- 8 Badby PCC
- 13 Badby Fayre and Annual Show
- 19 Newnham Comedy Night tbc
- 25 Film Soc. BVH

October

- 3-5 Charwelton Harvest weekend
- 17 Film Soc. opera BVH

November

- 3 Newnham PCC
- 4 Charwelton PCC
- 10 Badby PCC
- 13 Newnham Movie Night cinema
- 14 Film Soc. opera BVH
- 27 Film Soc. BVH
- 27 Charwelton Christmas Bingo

December

- 2 Benefice Council
- 11 Film Soc. BVH
- 29 Charwelton Pantomime



Pots & Plans: what to do in your garden this spring

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1. Seed trays at the ready

At last - it's March! The month printed on so many seed packets for sowing vegetables and flowers. There's plenty of choice... and horticultural jeopardy too.

It's tempting to sow everything, but too many seedlings can stress young plants (and gardeners). Each one needs good light, space, and ventilation, indoors and out. Planning what to sow when and where really helps. I also like to stagger sowing as it gives plants (and me) more time and space. Garden centres will soon be full of trays of young plants ready to grow on. Perfect if you want a head start without filling every windowsill.

2. Prepare seedbeds

With longer days and warming soil, spring is ideal for preparing seedbeds for hardy flowers and vegetables - and for clearing or editing areas ready for new shrubs and perennials.

But again, there's jeopardy. Too little preparation and the soil becomes tricky to work just when you need it. While too much digging damages the soil (and it's rather hard work).

Generally, it's best to minimise disturbance. This keeps weed seeds buried, meaning less weeding later on. It also preserves the lovely soil structure created by roots, fungi, and other helpful organisms — which means new plants establish faster.

If you'd like to chat about refreshing parts of your garden or improving your soil, you can find me at www.BrightenMyGarden.com.

3. Sow early crops

You can now sow hardy crops such as broad beans, peas, spinach, and early varieties of carrots and radishes - plus calendula, sweet peas, and other flowers.

I like to sow little and often. This "sowing" gives lots of smaller harvests over time and acts as horticultural insurance if one batch falls foul of pests or

weather. Leaving 3 weeks between sowings works well for carrots, beetroot, lettuce, peas, coriander, rocket, spinach, French beans, radish, mini cabbage, spring onions, basil, cilantro, dill, kohlrabi, mizuna, Swiss chard... and most quick crops. For tender plants like tomatoes, peppers, and marigolds, start them indoors on a sunny windowsill or in a greenhouse. They'll be ready to plant out in late May once the risk of frost has passed.

4. Sow even earlier crops

Can't wait for a fresh snack? Sow fast-growing salad greens now under cover. This creates a cosy microclimate of warmth and moisture.

You can use plastic or glass cloches for one or two plants, or mini-polytunnels for whole rows. Greenhouses and cold frames work beautifully too.

Lettuce, spinach, and rocket all respond brilliantly under cover. For the best results, choose varieties bred for early sowing - there are loads in local garden centres and online. Sow early. Harvest quick. Go again!

5. Spuds at the ready

Seed potatoes love plenty of compost. Give them space too: plant about 1 ft apart in rows 1.5 ft apart (a little more for maincrop varieties that grow for longer). Then protect emerging shoots from frost. Once plants reach 9 in tall, 'earth up' by pulling soil from between the rows to partially cover the stems, leaving around 6 in of growth showing. Do this 2 times before harvest to boost your yield.

6. The unveiling...

Hardy woody fuchsias have their big reveal in April. Their top growth is often killed by winter cold, so it's a tense wait to see what has survived. With luck, you'll spot new shoots emerging from lower branches or the base. By late April, cut away dead growth and tidy the plant into a shape that isn't too congested.

For tender fuchsias over-wintered indoors or bought new, pinch out the growing tips to encourage a bushier plant with more flowers. Plant them outside after the last frost.

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Council Update

At the Council' last meeting on the 2nd February, in addition to standard agenda items, we also discussed updates on the ongoing flood prevention and drainage issues, speed reduction initiatives and councillor recruitment.

As reported previously, with the **drainage works on Badby Road** now completed, we have pushed WNC to complete the programme of work to tackle the **drainage issues on Daventry Road**. Anyone who has used Daventry Road in the recent wet weather will be aware of the volume of surface water coming down the hill, and the overflowing ditch on the side of the road. At the time of writing, work has started on Newnham Hill and further work is scheduled on 23rd February on Daventry Road. The Parish Council is grateful for the ongoing efforts of our WNC Councillors, Rupert Frost and Charlie Hastie, in lobbying for these works.

We continue to consider the data generated by the speed indicator devices in our meetings. **Traffic speeds** on the Weedon Road approach to the Poets Way junction are still concerning. We are discussing with the police whether random speed cameras are an option, and we are also applying for funding to have a fourth speed indicator in the village.

As mentioned last month I would encourage people to use the "tool" (www.fixmystreet.com) for reporting issues such as pot holes or blocked drains to West Northants Council' Highways team. Issues logged are investigated and responded to, outlining the findings and what remedial action will be taken.

We are looking to support the Great British **Spring Clean Initiative** (13th-29th March) with a litter pick in and around the village. I appreciate that some individuals do great work collecting litter on an ongoing basis – take a bow **Chris Cadman and Deidre Mobbs**– so look out for a date to take part in the village spring clean.

If you are interested in doing some volunteering this year or putting something back into this special village then maybe signing up to **become a Parish Councillor** could be for you! By the time you read this, we will have had our ' in the Pub' meeting on the 25th February. If you didn't attend, but you are interested in joining the Parish Council, please feel free to contact me or the Parish Clerk.

A reminder, if you want to be on the Parish Council Email List to receive topical and current emails, contact the Parish Clerk at clerk@newnhamparishcouncil.gov.uk.

The **next Parish Council Meeting is Monday 2nd March**, starting at **7.00pm in the Village Hall**.

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