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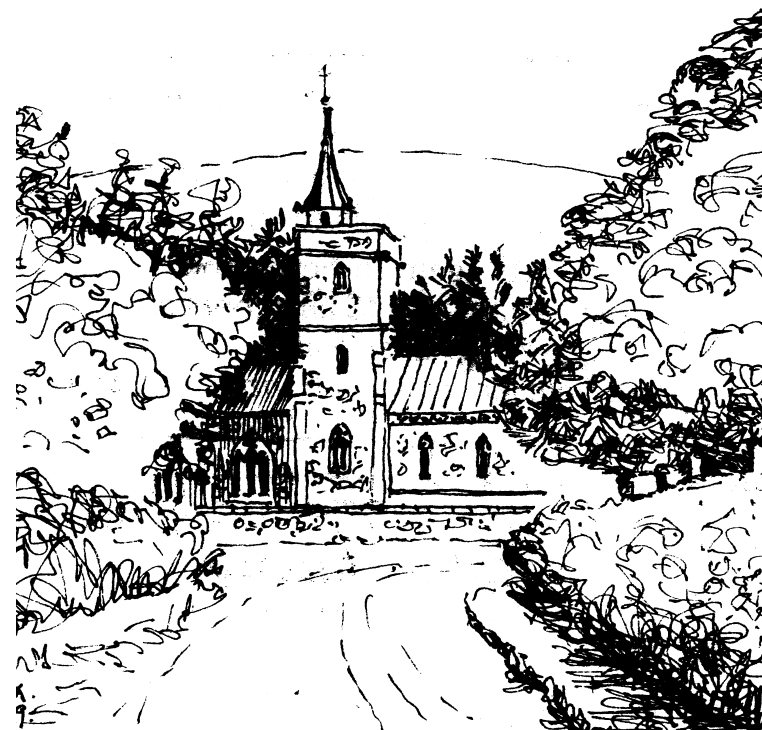
Please remember the deadline is 15th of the month - Thank you

Website: Benefice of Cley Hill Villages www.cleyhillchurches.org

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PARISH NEWS

The Deverills & Crockerton



Church of St Mary the Virgin from bottom of King's Hill

by Pat Armstrong

APRIL 2018

Look inside for local news & information

Community Coffee Morning



Everyone is welcome 10.30 - 12.00 noon

Wednesday 4th April

Monday 16th April

The Orangery, The George Inn, Longbridge

Call Bridget 844884 if you require transport



Race Night - Saturday, 14th April

7.00 for 7.30 pm @ The George Inn

£10 per person • bets £1 • including supper



READY TO SAVE A LIFE

DEFIBRILLATOR AWARENESS TRAINING

Wednesday 18th April at 7.00 pm

The George, Longbridge Deverill

A South Western Ambulance Service officer will provide training on CPR and on using the defibrillator. All are welcome to attend.

There are 24/7 defibrillators at The George, Longbridge;
The Bath Arms, Crockerton; Shearwater Café, Crockerton;
Also at Lakeside Garden Centre, Crockerton (opening hours)



MONTHLY PUB NIGHT

'The Cricketers' Legs'

Friday 27th April 6.00 - 11.00 pm

BBQ - weather permitting

A relaxed pub night with other villagers, children/dogs welcome!
Firkin beer, wine, spirits, soft drinks, crisps, cheaper than a pub!
Facebook www.facebook.com/groups/upperdeverill



FUTURE EVENTS

- Pre-school children & parents group Thursdays Longbridge Hall 10.00-11.30 am
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- Upper Deverills Pub Night Friday 25th May
- Gliding Club Open Day Sunday 27th May See p6
- Summer Lunch Sunday 10th June
- Upper Deverills Pub Night & Rounders Friday 29th June

LOCAL COUNCILS, SOCIETIES, GROUPS etc.

Longbridge Deverill Parish Council

www.crockertonlongbridgeandhilldeverill.co.uk

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Upper Deverills Parish Council

www.upperdeverills.co.uk

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Longbridge Deverill Parish Hall Committee

Julie Read 840655 (Chair) Anna Mead 212759 (Secretary) Sylvia Titt 214825 (Bookings)

Upper Deverills Village Hall

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Clarence (pot holes) 0800232323

Hospital Transport Link Scheme 211655

Mere Link Scheme (covers Upper Deverills) 01747 860096

Post Office Lakeside Garden Centre, Crockerton: Mon Wed Fri 9.00 am - 2.00 pm

Bath, Wilts & North Dorset Gliding Club Kingston Deverill 844095

Dear Friends,



We live in crazy times do we not? At the time of writing Salisbury is the centre of world attention after the poisoning of an ex Russian spy and his daughter with a nerve agent. Images that could be from a space age movie are beamed into our sitting rooms as we watch the news with increasing unease; if something so, and I am searching for words here, so sinister, so outside of our control, can happen in Salisbury, then where in the world can we go to keep safe, where is normal life to be found with predictable rhythms and comfortable certainties? The response to the above is that we kid ourselves if we think we have everything under control; much of how we live our lives is an attempt to shield ourselves from the more difficult aspects of what it means to be human, as T.S Elliot said, 'Human beings cannot bear very much reality'.

What has all this got to do with Easter? If you thought that the Christmas story was bonkers then the Easter one is even more bonkers quite frankly, with the hero's grisly end on a cross and then three days later an audacious statement by his followers that he wasn't dead after all. And to cap it all the laughable story that this weirdo then made several appearances, even, and here's the killer, sharing a breakfast of fish and bread with his friends on the shores of Lake Galilee.

According to the gospel of John, the first person to see the risen Jesus was Mary Magdalene, who is the subject of a new film released on 23rd March. In popular culture Mary Magdalene has been portrayed as a prostitute who found redemption when she met Jesus. The new film 'flips the script to show Mary in a new light - as an independent free-thinker who bore witness to Jesus's death and resurrection and who deserves to be considered as an apostle in her own right.' Amen to that! Because there is not a single word in the bible that describes Mary in this way, the claim that Mary was a sex worker comes from Pope Gregory I, who declared her to be a penitent prostitute in the year 591. Whoever she was, and how she lived her life does not matter; what matters is that she was the very first witness to the resurrection. Coming to the burial ground in the early light of that first Easter Day she sees with horror the huge stone sealing Jesus' tomb has been rolled away. She turns and rushes home to tell the others, quickly returning with them. Peter looks inside the tomb and sees the linen wrapping lying there, bewildered and shocked the disciples return home. But Mary remains, weeping. Sensing someone behind her she turns, and not yet recognising the risen Christ she begs him to tell her where the body is. Jesus says to her 'Mary', in that moment the world turns and she recognises him for who he is; *he calls her by her name*, he knows her at the deepest level, he loves her. In the same way he calls each and everyone of us by name; as we read in the book of the prophet Isaiah 'Fear not for I have redeemed you, I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.' There are no certainties in life but throughout it all *God knows us, loves us, is with us*. Yes, the Easter story is bonkers, but there is nothing bonkers about love, which is what it's all about.

Happy Easter! Love and prayers.

Pauline

Rev Pauline Reid Tel: 841290 / revpauline@btinternet.com



**The Athenaeum Singers present
An 'Open Workshop'
Saturday 28th April at 9.30 am**
Warminster Baptist Church, North Row BA12 9AD
Mendelssohn's oratorio *Elijah* led by Edward-Rhys Harry
Anyone is welcome to join us to sing for the day
Details: www.athenaeumingers.com



**NECTARION
MUSIC FROM CRETE
BRIXTON DEVERILL CHURCH**
Saturday 28th April 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm



Based locally, Nectarion play music from Crete and the Eastern Mediterranean. Their performance will include traditional couplets and accompanying music of the masterpiece of Cretan literature, Erotokritos. This is a rare opportunity to hear a unique line up of instruments, including Cretan lyra, cello, mandolin, saz, laouto, percussion, and the tarhu. The band fuses the robust dance rhythms of Crete with the ethereal sound of the tarhu, topped by lyrical and sparkling vocals.

Refreshments available before the performance and during the interval.
The concert is free but there will be a retiring collection at the end.

Deverill Valley & Crockerton WI

Members had a very relaxed and enjoyable meeting in March when our Officials were elected at the Annual General Meeting which was followed by a fish and chip supper. Our WI Advisor visited and enjoyed the supper with us. She was impressed with our programme. Next year's programme was distributed and Members were very happy with the expected speakers and outings arranged. We also jointly congratulated Sylvia Titt on receiving her 55-year service award from Vice Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire for her service to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

We will not have an official meeting in April because we will be going to the Athenaeum Theatre to watch 'HMS Pinafore'. **Our next meeting will be Monday 14th May** in Longbridge Village Hall at 7.30 pm when Phil Seddon will speak on 'Me as a Town Crier'. If you would like to know more about the WI in the Deverill Valley please contact Julie Wallder on 213142.



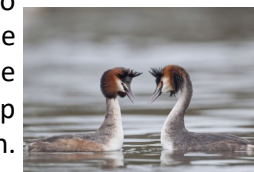
Nature Notes

The wind today has set the daffodils dancing, not so long ago they were covered in snow. I am pleasantly surprised how well most of the spring flowers have survived that very cold snap, they may be in for another dusting of snow this week-end according to the weather forecast. The daffodils in the churchyard look particularly good this year. When we had that snow the fallen apples we had left on the ground under the trees attracted lots of fieldfares, some redwings, blackbirds, starlings, the odd mistle thrush and song thrush. The male green woodpecker also joined the feast together with a grey squirrel, there wasn't much left after a few days. During the cold snap a male reed bunting visited the garden, also bramblings, usually just a male, but on one occasion a male and female.



The pond is exceedingly active at the moment. It is full of toads with one thing on their mind; to mate and spawn. I counted about 90 this afternoon and that is just the ones that are clearly visible, I know there will be many more in the depths out of sight. The female toads are bigger and the smaller males jostle one another to cling onto the females in piggy back fashion; from my observations there seem to be more males than females. The spawn is laid in ribbons in amongst the weed so not easy to see. We also have frogs who have been very busy on warmer sunnier days producing a good amount of spawn in jelly like clumps floating in the shallows. I am concerned how it will fare if the weather turns very cold as forecast. Hopefully some will survive.

Yesterday we went for a walk at Shearwater, it was a lovely sunny spring afternoon. It certainly stirred the great spotted woodpeckers into action as we heard them drumming while we went round the lake. The nuthatches were very vocal too and on the water the great crested grebes were beginning to practise their courtship dance. A bit of sunshine and warmth and things start to happen. If only this weather would settle and winter go and allow spring to come properly. The birds must be confused with this topsy-turvy weather. I have seen blackbirds and house sparrows collecting nesting material on warmer days but with little real purpose. I am still seeing a pair of blue tits visiting the box on the beech tree at the front of the house, but I can't say I have seen much nesting material going in. When the weather does finally settle and warm up there will be a hive of activity.



The birds are singing more in the mornings and evenings. I particularly love the evening chorus of blackbird and robin with a dash of song thrush. As a young child I remember falling asleep to the song of a blackbird with a hand lawnmower in the background; a lovely lullaby. Another month for the dawn chorus to be in full swing.

We have had a pair of ducks coming to the pond. I think that they are attracted by the spawn, a bit like caviar for them. I am surprised that we haven't had a heron or buzzard preying on the amphibians as happened in the past. Sadly there have been quite a few toads squashed in the road. It is a hazardous life being a toad or a frog!

Jane Trollope (written 14th March)

Longbridge Deverill Parish Council

Spring Litter Pick - unfortunately, due to the snowy weather the litter pick did not take place. Already groups of volunteers have done some litter picking and if as a group of neighbours or friends you would like to help the cause then Hi Vis jackets, pickers, gloves and bags can be provided by Juliet 841338 or Nikki 216660. The next planned litter pick will be in the Autumn.



The next Parish Council meeting will be the **Annual meeting on Monday 9th April. The Annual Parish Meeting of the electorate of Longbridge Deverill Parish** will take place on **Monday 16th April**, all residents of the Parish are invited. All meetings will start at 7.30 pm and are held at Longbridge Deverill Parish Hall. Full minutes and agenda, published one week before meetings, are available on village notice boards, Parish web site www.crockertonlongbridgeandhilldeverill.co.uk or from the clerk Nikki Spreadbury-Clews email nikkispreadburyclews@gmail.com

Deverills Archaeology Group (DAG)

The Deverills Archaeology Group (DAG) is now up-and-running! We held our first field event in early March when we supported professional archaeologists David Roberts and Paul Durdin in their geophysical survey work of two sites: one in Brixton Deverill and one in Kingston Deverill. We had an excellent turnout of volunteers throughout the week for which we are very grateful. All our volunteers enjoyed the experience and learnt a lot about geophysical surveying in archaeology. The results we obtained are extremely encouraging and strongly indicate Iron Age and Roman features at both sites. In addition to the geophysical results we found pieces of Iron Age pots in the lower part of the cricket field at Kingston Deverill brought to the surface by moles!



We would like to thank Richard Lucas who kindly facilitated the use of Brixton Deverill church for our breaks in BD and the Upper Deverills village hall committee who allowed us to use the village hall facilities whilst working on the cricket field.

We plan to undertake more geophysical surveying later in the spring, followed by excavation work in both Brixton and Kingston during the summer. We will be setting up a dedicated DAG website in the near future and will post a link to the website when this has been done. There will be LOTS of opportunities for as many as want to be involved in the practical work that will need to be done in the coming months and years. If you would like us to keep you in touch with events please can you e-mail Claire Watts, group secretary, at Secretary.dag@gmail.com with your e-mail address. Your e-mail details will be kept securely by DAG.

Wiltshire Wildlife Trust - Warminster Group

April brings the last of our talks, which is entitled 'Marvellous Moths'. If you think that moths are all dreary dun coloured pests which love to feast on your woollens then think again and let **Bob Smith** introduce you to a fascinating world of colour and variety. Everyone is welcome to join us at the Civic Centre on **Monday 9th April** at 7.30 pm, cost £3 (under-18s £1) includes light refreshments. For further details please contact Ann Jones 218928. Thank you for your support through a successful season of excellent talks in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere, we look forward to seeing you again in October.



Cast on & Craft Group

If you like knitting, embroidery, tapestry or other crafts, this group is for you! We meet at someone's home each month to share ideas and enjoy each other's company. This month's meeting will be on **Wednesday 18th April** from 2.00 - 4.00 pm at Bridget Beattie's house, Monkton House, Monkton Deverill BA12 7EX. Please call 844884 if you need directions. Everyone welcome.



Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall - Film Night & Shop

The excellent film **Murder on the Orient Express** will be shown on **Friday 20th April**, doors opening at 7.00 for 7.30 start. Tickets cost £5.

On **Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 9.00 - 11.30 am the shop** will be open in the Hall, please call in to purchase essential items and local produce.



Book & Dining Club

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 2nd May** 7.00 for 7.30 pm, at The Agra Restaurant, Warminster. If you would like to come for a meal and discuss the books please contact Linda Searle 213767. The two books chosen to are:



A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towels: in 1922 Count Alexander Rostov is deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal and sentenced to indefinite house arrest. While Russia undergoes decades of upheaval, the Count, stripped of all trappings, is forced to question what makes us who we are.

Magpie murders by Anthony Horowitz: editor Susan Ryland has worked with bestselling crime writer Alan Conway for years. Readers love his detective, Atticus Pünd, a solver of crimes in sleepy English 1950s villages. But Conway's latest tale of murder at Pye Hall is not quite what it seems, hidden in the manuscript pages lies another story. From the creator of Midsomer Murders comes a fiendish mystery perfect for fans of Agatha Christie's Miss Marple and Hercule Poirot.

INSPIRATION, ASPIRATION & DESPERATION!



**NB NEW DATE: Friday 18th May 7.00 for 7.30 pm
at Horningsham Village Hall**

An evening with Professor Wendy Dagworthy OBE

Wendy is a local resident and former fashion designer. She led the Fashion and Textile faculties at the Royal College of Art and Central St Martins. She counts Stella McCartney, Phoebe Philo, Erdem and Sarah Burton at Alexander McQueen among her students. As one of the founders of London Fashion Week Wendy has been described as

'the high priestess of British fashion'

Her illustrated talk promises to be a fascinating evening

Tickets are £18 and include a two-course supper

Please bring your own drinks

To book contact Tim Young on 840477

All profits to Deverills and Horningsham Churches



**Crockerton C of E
Primary School**

As we begin to look forward to the Easter Holidays, the staff have begun to reflect on the year so far in disbelief that there are only 2 short terms left with our current classes. We are a very small school, with no sports hall and only a tiny playground. So, with the grant that schools receive as part of the Sports Premium money, we attend Springboards Gymnastics and Activity Centre in Woodcock Trading Estate. This additional money also helps us to enter a huge number of sporting events. Over the last few weeks, 4 children have experienced fencing, 5 have attended a Wheelchair basketball event, 2 teams entered the gymnastics competition, we won the local rugby tournament and we were runners-up in the West Wilts Hockey tournament and so heading to the County finals at Dauntseys School. Our netball team has also had success this year, getting through to the West Wilts final last week. Later this term, we have the annual swimming gala and the West Wilts rugby tournament at Trowbridge Rugby Club. To ensure that physical activity is inclusive for all our children, even those who are not so keen on team sports, I will be taking a group of children to a Hobby Horse gymkhana – photos to follow! So many opportunities for our young people.

I am passionate about getting children physically active and with healthy, happy minds and the Sports Grant has helped us to focus on our playtimes. We recently opened up our area at the rear of the school, clearing holly, bushes and cutting down a tree with a split trunk so that children could explore safely a more natural area, where they are building dens, bug hotels and shelters for small animals. We have added tyres and seats to encourage play, using the branches and tree trunk sections. Children have commented on how much more they enjoy playtimes.

We are also in the process of improving the actual playground with better netball posts and goals, as well as walls for throwing and kicking against. We await more quotes to come back to us so that we can begin to plan for work to start during the holidays. Schools have been informed recently that this additional money will continue at the same amount for the next academic year at least. This is great news for our small but excellent village school with so much on offer.

Nic Ilic - Head Teacher

Thank you

I would like to thank all my wonderful neighbours for their help and many kindnesses shown to me during the recent freezing weather, necessary shopping, delivery of newspapers, and even to the extent of walking my dog! I am very grateful, and thank you all so very much

Shirley Heywood



CROCKERTON VILLAGE COMMITTEE STREET PARTY



**to celebrate the Marriage of
Prince Harry and Meghan Markle**

To be held at Broadmead Lane, Crockerton

3.00 pm to 6.00 pm on Sunday 20th May

Soldiers and Princesses theme or wear red, white, blue

**BBQ and a glass of Pimms provided, please bring drinks, sweet or savoury
finger food dish and a chair or blanket to sit on if required.**

Donations welcome on the day for the Crockerton Village Committee Fund

FUTURE EVENTS

November - Dress the Village in Remembrance Poppies

8th November - Defibrillator Refresher Training

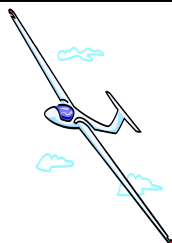
Bath, Wilts and North Dorset Gliding Club

OPEN DAY - Sunday 27th May from 10.00 am

**Please come along and meet us. Find out what happens on top of
the hill! Perhaps take a glider flight.**

You will be warmly welcomed. We look forward to seeing you.

For more details look on bwnd.co.uk or phone 844095



Upper Deverills Parish Council

The Litter pick in Kingston and Monkton Deverill took place on 17th March despite blizzard conditions! Brixton was deferred to the following Saturday. We collected 15 - 18 bags of rubbish from the verges, which was a great achievement and an indication of the level of debris that is thrown out of vehicles passing through our villages. Thank you to everyone who took part to keep our villages looking beautiful.



Repairs are being carried out on the wall surrounding the graveyard in Monkton Deverill. This is being funded by the Parochial Church Council and a grant from the Parish Council.

Next meetings: Wednesday 9th May the Annual Assembly of the Parish is at 6.00 pm and then the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council is at 6.30 pm in the Upper Deverills village hall.

Christine Fordham (Clerk) 01747 873168 / 07740512437

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal



Sylvia Titt, of Longbridge Deverill, was recently awarded a 55 year bar to her Royal British Legion brooch in recognition of her outstanding service and dedication to the Poppy Appeal. Her bar was presented by Lieutenant General Sir Roddy Cordy-Simpson KBE CB DL a former national president of the Royal British Legion and Mayor Cllr Rob Fryer. Also attending were the High Sheriff of Wiltshire, Lady Helen Marland, and several representatives of the local garrison. It was a wonderful occasion and a great celebration of the selfless work carried out by volunteers, like Sylvia, who give up their time year after year

to raise funds for the RBL Poppy Appeal. Very many thanks to the Warminster branch of the RBL who hosted the event at the Civic Centre.

Claire Watts

Leah Allard

As you all know Leah was a pillar of our church and local community and always rang the bell for Sunday services at St Michael's church in Brixton Deverill. The bell rope broke recently so one of Leah's last wishes was that any money collected at her funeral should go towards a new rope and sally for the fine medieval bell. Ironically the rope broke again on the day of her funeral so we were not able to ring our farewell. A new rope will soon be installed, so whenever the bell rings we will think of Leah.



Richard Lucas - Church warden

Mere Historical Society

Tuesday 3rd April 7.00 pm AGM in the Grove Buildings. Subscriptions for 2018/19 due (£10). If you are unable to attend please send your subscription to the membership secretary: Gerry Cook, 20 Lovage Way, Mere, BA12 6RU, phone 861797. Subs will be taken and wine and nibbles provided before the AGM which will start promptly at 7.30 pm followed by **'Out of my Attic - Boy's Toys of the 20th Century'** by **Michael Weale**, a lighthearted look at Michael's collection. £3 for non-members who are very welcome. There will be no morning talks in April.



Visit One: Thursday 17th May - Oxford and the Ashmolean museum. The Ashmolean is Britain's oldest museum, and our day in Oxford will begin with a high-lights tour of its fabulous collection taking about one hour, after which you will be free to spend more time in the museum or explore Oxford. The museum has a café and restaurant. The coach leaves Salisbury Street Car Park at 8.30 am and return by around 6.30 pm. The cost: MHS Members £26, non-members £29 per person which *Includes coach and tip, entrance and guided tour.* **Deadline for booking is 1st May.** More details and booking forms from Mere Information Point and our website: www.merehistoricalsociety.org.uk or contact Caroline Cook 01747 861797.

Mere Gardening Club

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 11th April** at 7.30 pm in the Grove Buildings. Pippa, from 'Beans and Herbs' has grown organic seeds for many years, including heritage varieties of the beans and herbs in which she specialises. £2 entry for visitors who are very welcome.



Janet Way (860884) or visit www.meregardenclub.org.uk

Quiz Night

Thank you to everyone who came to support the Quiz Night at Longbridge Deverill Hall on 17th March. **£400** was raised to support the Deverills and Horningsham churches, which considering the weather was an excellent result. Thank you also to all those who helped to organise another successful event, the food was splendid, thanks to all the cooks, servers and washer uppers. A special mention to Guy Ratcliffe our question master for what was the best Quiz ever!

Tim Young

2018 Wylve Valley Calendar

Many thanks to everyone who supported **Hope and Homes for Children** (reg. charity no. 1089490) by purchasing the 2018 Wylve Valley Calendar. This year the sale of calendars raised a total of **£4,473**, all the money will support vital work of the charity in transforming the lives of children and saving them from a life of institutional care. Further information www.hopeandhomes.org



Chris Lock

SERVICES PARISH OF DEVERILLS & HORNINGSHAM

Sunday 1st April	Easter Day Kingston 10.30 am Horningsham 10.30 am	Holy Communion Bishop Ed Holy Communion
Sunday 8th April	Easter 2 Chapmanslade 10.30 am	Benefice Holy Communion
Sunday 15th April	Easter 3 Brixton 10.30 am Longbridge 6.00 pm	Holy Communion Evensong APCM 6.30 pm (village hall)
Sunday 22nd April	Easter 4 Longbridge 10.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 29th April	Easter 5 Longbridge 10.30 am	Benefice Holy Communion
Sunday 6th May	Easter 6 Rogation Kingston 8.00 am Manor Farm 6.00 pm (Kingston)	Holy Communion Rogation Service

Personal Morning Prayer Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8.00am Longbridge



Church Cleaners for April

Kingston Mandy Martyn & Angie Beloe

Brixton Claire Watts & Sally Buchan-Jones

Longbridge Monday 9th April 9.30 - 10.30 am - All helpers please

Church Flower Arrangers for April

Kingston

Brixton

Longbridge

1st April	All	Helpers	Please
8th April	Alice Stratton	Claire Watts	Diana Abbott
15th April	Alice Stratton	Claire Watts	Diana Abbott
22nd April	Carol Noonan	Pony Burrige	Jo Steptoe
29th April	Carol Noonan	Pony Burrige	Jo Steptoe



SERVICES PARISH OF CORSLEY & CHAPMANSLADE

Sunday 1st April	Easter Day Temple 9.00 am Corsley 9.30 am	Holy Communion Holy Communion
Sunday 8th April	Easter 2 Chapmanslade 10.30 am	Benefice Holy Communion
Sunday 15th April	Easter 3 Corsley 10.30 am	Morning Worship
Sunday 22nd April	Easter 4 Chapmanslade 9.30 pm	Holy Communion
Sunday 29th April	Easter 5 Longbridge 10.30 am	Benefice Holy Communion
Sunday 6th May	Easter 6 Rogation Corsley/ Chapmanslade 10.00 am	Rogation Holy Communion

Register

Baptisms - welcome to our church family

Elsie Scott-Heale at Kingston on Sunday 11th March

Hon Henry Thynn at Longbridge Saturday 17th March

Erin Bull at Horningsham on Sunday 18th March

Funeral - Our thoughts and prayers are with the family

Ian Atkinson at Longbridge Tuesday 20th March

The Deverills, Crockerton & Horningsham 50/50 Club

Winners this month £50 Nigel Poole and £25 David Stratton

There is always room for new members to join the club so please get in touch with Diana if you would like to join. The money is divided 50% for the churches and 50% prize money. Contact Diana Abbott 840763 or decabbott@gmail.com for details.

