

PARISH OF DEVERILLS AND HORNINGSHAM

Churches

SS Peter & Paul the Apostles, Longbridge Deverill
St Michael the Archangel, Brixton Deverill
St Mary the Virgin, Kingston Deverill
St John the Baptist, Horningsham

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

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

Website contents: Parish News, Church services, Parish Register, Events

PARISH NEWS

The Deverills & Crockerton



St Mary the Virgin Kingston Deverill

by Pat Armstrong

April 2019

Look inside for local news & information



Longbridge Deverill Parish Council

NOTICE

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF THE ELECTORATE

To all local government Electors in Parish of Longbridge Deverill
The Annual Parish Meeting of Electors
in which you are invited to take part
will be held at Longbridge Deverill Parish Hall
on Monday 1st April 2019 at 7.30 pm

If you wish contact the Clerk email longbridgedeverillpc@gmail.com

Community Coffee Morning

Everyone is welcome 10.30 - 12.00 noon
The Orangery, The George Inn, Longbridge

Wednesday 3rd April

Monday 15th April

Call Bridget 844884 if you require transport



Learn to Save a Life

CPR & Defibrillator awareness/refresher training
6.30 pm Wednesday 3rd April

at The George, Longbridge Deverill - All welcome
South Western Ambulance Service Officer will provide CPR
training & information to use the defibrillator. All welcome.

Further information from Caroline Sawyer 840585



Longbridge Deverill Parish Council

LITTER PICKS

All welcome, please come and love your community
Litter picks, rubbish bags etc. provided

Longbridge & Hill Deverill 10.30 am Saturday 6th April meet at The George

Crockerton 10.30 am Sunday 14th April meet at The Bath Arms

For further information, please contact

Parish Clerk Nikki 07986 880164 Longbridgedeverillpc@gmail.com

FUTURE EVENTS

- Pre-school children & parents group Thursdays Longbridge Hall 10.00-11.30 am
- Longbridge Deverill Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting Monday 1st April See p2
- Mere Historical Society AGM & Talk Tuesday 2nd April See p7
- Community Coffee Morning Wednesday 3rd April See p2
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- Thanksgiving Service for life of Canon Richard Askew Saturday 27th April See p9
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- Longbridge Deverill Parish Council Annual meeting Tuesday 7th May see p11/14
- Upper Deverills Parish Council Annual meeting Wednesday 8th May See p11/14
- Wyllye Valley Art Trail / Look & See Group 18th - 27th May See p 10

LOCAL COUNCILS, SOCIETIES, GROUPS etc.

Longbridge Deverill Parish Council - www.crockertonlongbridgeandhilldeverill.co.uk

Caroline Sawyer 840585 (Chair)	Martin McDermott 216939
Kate Plastow 840975 (Vice Chair)	Bob Pitman 212953
Richard Baxter 212918	David Searle 213767
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Nikki Spreadbury-Clews (Clerk) 216660 or longbridgedeverillpc@gmail.com	

Upper Deverills Parish Council - www.upperdeverills.co.uk

Bridget Beattie 844884 (Chair)	Gillian Flint 844507
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Louise Stratton 844105	

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Wiltshire Council 0300 456 0100

Sir James Thynne Almshouse Sue Jackson 840322 (Trustee)

Longbridge Deverill Parish Hall Committee

Dympna Bell 840514 (Acting Secretary) Sylvia Titt 214825 (Bookings)

Upper Deverills Village Hall

Caroline Davies 07813 312352 (Chair) John Lea 844325 (Hall bookings)

Crockerton Village Committee Marion Thomas 213739 (Chair)

Pre-School Children & Parents Group Sylvia Titt 214825 Pat Wood 840535

Deverill & Crockerton W I Sue Bohana (215546) (Pres) Julie Wallder 213142 (Sec)

Deverills Cricket Club Ed Read 840835 (Captain)

Community Police

Pc Lee Pelling lee.pelling@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk or 101

Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator Deverills & Crockerton Dympna Dell 840514

Hospital Transport Link Scheme 211655

Mere Link Scheme (Upper Deverills) 01747 860096

Warminster Link Scheme 01985 211655

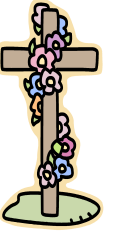
(Corsley to Boyton, Crockerton, Horningsham, Longbridge, Hill Deverill)

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,

A few years ago there was talk of fixing the date of Easter Day; it seems to have quietened down a bit now. I know it seems bizarre that unlike Christmas Day, the date of Easter moves around all over the place, but I think it would be a real shame to sever Easter from its traditional connection to the created order, it would lose so much meaning, and in the present context of environmental disaster that we face it seems vitally important that we develop a deeper understanding of our place within it.



In the Western church the date of Easter is calculated as being the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal, or spring equinox when the hours of darkness and light are almost equal. What has all this got to do with Easter I hear you ask? Well, according to the bible, Jesus's death and resurrection occurred around the time of the Jewish Passover, which was celebrated on the first Full Moon following the equinox, which soon led to Christians celebrating Easter on different dates. Apart from anything else it makes perfect sense for Easter, which has to do with resurrection, being celebrated at a time of year when the natural world is bursting forth into new life. They were not daft those wily church leaders of yore, who were savvy enough to realise that persuading people to drop their pagan celebration of the equinox in favour of a new fangled Christian festival would be a lost cause.

The word Easter itself was derived from the ancient names for a Goddess and God. The Venerable Bede, a great Christian scholar, asserted that Easter was named after 'Eostre', the great mother goddess of the Saxon people in northern Europe. Similarly, the Teutonic dawn goddess of fertility was known as 'Ostera,' 'Eastra,' or 'Eustra' along with various other similar names; all of these names derive from the ancient word for spring 'Eastre'. Going back to the Saxon Mother Goddess 'Eostre' it should come as no surprise to learn that her sacred animal was a rabbit, and her symbol of new life an egg.

I am not going into all this detail to confuse the issue, merely to show that the Christian festival we call Easter is embedded in, and intimately relates to, the turning of seasons and the cycle of the moon and the sun. Rather than diminishing the meaning of Easter, I would argue that exploring the beliefs and practices of our ancient forbearers brings a deeper connection to the divine and to the mystery of death and resurrection that is played out year by year in the natural world, and which is embodied in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

So as you enjoy your Easter eggs, stop for moment and consider those deep connections to the earth that you are celebrating, and give thanks for the new life emerging out of the darkness and death of winter.

Happy Easter, love and prayers,

Pauline

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



Lent Lunch – Monday 8th April

Donations to Christian Aid

Mari & Nigel Poole's, 7 Homefields, Longbridge BA12 7DQ

*Please come along and support this life giving charity,
Enjoy a simple lunch in good company!*

UPPER DEVERILLS VILLAGE HALL

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday 20th April 11.00 am

Tea, coffee, cake and juice after the hunt

Open to all children/grandchildren of Upper Deverill residents under the age of 10

A free event with a small charge for refreshments



MONTHLY PUB NIGHT

'The Cricketers' Legs'

Friday 26th April

6.00 - 11.00 pm

1st BBQ of 2019 — 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



FUNDRAISING TALK FOR DEVERILLS CHURCHES

7.00 pm for 7.30 pm Saturday 27th April

Russia from Khrushchev to Gorbachev



HOW THE MIGHTY SOVIET UNION IMPLoded

A talk by Nigel Hawkins in Upper Deverills Village Hall

A former resident of Brixton Deverill, Nigel is an author and fluent Russian speaker, he has made many visits to the Soviet Union

Free event but with suggested donation of £10, wine and canapés included

To attend please e-mail deverillschurche@gmail.com

Note: please park in the field by the village hall and not on the road

Nature Notes



My kitchen windowsill is full of daffodil casualties broken down by the relentless winds we have been having. 'March winds and April showers bring forth May flowers'; an old nursery rhyme. Better still from the poem The Months of the Year by Sara Coleridge; 'March brings breezes loud and shrill, stirs the dancing daffodil'. I reckon we can swap 'breezes and winds' for gales this year! I had a feeling that we would pay for that spell of very early spring weather back in February.

The pond has been alive with amphibians, mainly toads, but there was some frog activity in the shallows at the end of February resulting in a good amount of spawn. Toad activity really started at the beginning of March and is still ongoing. Toad spawn is laid deep down in the weed so I have no idea how much there is but I would guess a lot as the pond has been full of toads. They cross the back lane here to get to our pond and on several evenings I have gone out picking them up to avoid them being squashed by vehicles. Quite often I have found a mating pair, the female striding out with the smaller male clinging on, sometimes more than one male passenger. Only last night I came across a ball of toads on the edge of our patio; not sure how many there were in the mass (collective noun for toads: knot or nest). The toads seem to do most of their mating after dark whereas the frogs mate on the surface during the day. All this amphibian activity has attracted attention; a buzzard has been coming and sitting on the summerhouse roof watching for movement. I have seen several successful swoops down to the ground. Mallards have been visiting but not every day. This morning only the drake came and it made me wonder if perhaps the duck is sitting on eggs; I did see mating behaviour during that warm spell of weather.



The mallards may not be present much, but we do have a moorhen which appears to have adopted us. I don't know whether it is male or female as the sexes look the same. I doubt it will stay unless it can attract a mate. It has recently found where the bird feeders are and struts jerkily across to forage underneath them, and then will run back to the safety of the pond. Today I watched it get out of the pond and then encounter the female green woodpecker that was feeding on the lawn. Neither bird knew what to make of the other as they would not often meet. They kept a respectable distance apart and each went on their way. When the moorhen is moving on water or land it continually flicks its tail showing up the white markings underneath. I wonder if this might be to ward off predators from above or below the water; a sudden flash of white would certainly be distracting.

There has been some interest in the bird box on the beech tree at the front of the house; this morning a pair of blue tits were viewing it. I have seen a nuthatch having a look but the hole would be too small for it. Nuthatches need a 32mm hole as do house sparrows. I am pretty sure that the box in question has a 28mm hole which is suitable for great tits, tree sparrows and blue tits, who would obviously get in being a smaller bird. A 25mm hole is best for blue tits and caters for coal and marsh tits too.

Jane Trollope (written 16th March)

W A A challenges

If you or someone you know would like to take on new or exciting challenges in 2019, then Wiltshire Air Ambulance has a choice of events.



**Wiltshire
Air Ambulance**
funded by you, flying for you

Our bumper events calendar includes a Snowdon challenge and a skydive. As well as a personal challenge, by taking part you will be helping us to keep saving lives. You can explore the stunning landscape of Snowdonia National Park by tackling our triple challenge of cycling, climbing and kayaking on **Saturday 8th June**.

If you want to see Wiltshire from a great height take part in our skydive at Old Sarum Airfield, near Salisbury, on **Sunday 2nd June**. Jumping in tandem with a professional instructor from either 10,000 or 15,000 feet, you can see the sights of Salisbury Cathedral and Stonehenge.

We are a charity and rely on donations to keep saving lives. It costs £3.75 million a year to keep the air ambulance flying and we are not funded directly by the Government and receive no National Lottery grants. For more information about our events go to our website www.wiltshireairambulance.co.uk/events/ or call the charity team on 01225 300536. *Registered charity number: 1144097*

Dog Fouling

Recently I have noticed more dog fouling in Longbridge Deverill, not the fault of the dog I hasten to add. Please clear up after your canine friends. Dog faeces can be especially dangerous to children as they can carry the roundworm parasite *Toxocara Canis*, to cattle if they carry the parasite *Neospora* and also for anyone walking it is very unpleasant to step in. Thank you.



Jane Trollope

Deverill Valley history - Part 1 (Wiltshire Council)

The village of Longbridge Deverill is part of the Deverill valley. This encompasses six villages on the Wiltshire Downs where the western edge of Salisbury Plain dips into Somerset. Longbridge is the principal village and its parish includes neighbouring Crockerton. The other Deverills are Hill, now in Longbridge parish, Brixton, Monkton and Kingston.



The name Deverill refers to the River Deverill, which flows through the whole valley. It rises west of Kingston Deverill and flows north, passing through the six villages. At Crockerton it meets the Shearwater Stream and becomes the River Wylye. The name Deverill means 'diving rill'. There are points along its route where it peters out and flows underground, hence the disappearing rill or stream.

The names Longbridge and Hill are obvious. Brixton is named after an early landholder. Crockerton is named after a person, or potters in general. Monkton means Monk's Farm and Kingston goes back to the Conquest, after which the land was owned by the Crown.

Deverill Valley & Crockerton WI

Another year has gone by and we had the Annual General Meeting when we elected our Officers for the new year. The President is Sue Bohana, Treasurer Janet Budgen and Secretary Julie Wallder with a further five members making up the Committee. The official business was followed by a fish and chip supper. Our next meeting will be held on **Monday 8th April** at 7.30 pm at Longbridge Deverill Parish Hall when we will have fun making Easter Cards. For more information about the WI in the Deverill Valley please contact Julie Wallder on 213142.



Wiltshire Wildlife Trust - Warminster Group

For our final meeting of this season, we are delighted to welcome back **Philip** - of the always popular - **Mugridge husband & wife team**. He and Helen are currently in Finland so his talk on that country's wildlife will be right up-to-date. If you had not thought of Finland as a wildlife hot-spot, why not come along - on **Monday 8th April at 7.30 pm** and learn otherwise?! We shall be meeting, as always at the Civic Centre: the charge of £3 (under 18s £1) includes light refreshments. Thank you so much for your support through this season, we look forward to seeing you again in October. If you have any ideas for speakers or topics about which you would like to learn more please let the committee know, we welcome fresh input, by contacting Ann Jones 218928.



Easter Tea

This Lent instead of having a Lent course we wanted to do something for the community instead. So we are having an Easter tea in Longbridge Parish Hall from **3.00 pm on Monday 15th April** which is particularly aimed at the more elderly among us and especially those, who for whatever reason, feel a bit isolated. We are hopeful that a few of the residents from Longbridge House will be able to come so it would be lovely if there are other folk there to chat to them. If transport is difficult please do get in touch with me to arrange some. If you know anyone who you think would enjoy coming please bring them along, we do have some invitations to give out if that would be helpful, again, please get in touch with me (Pauline 841290) if you want any. I look forward to seeing you there!



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 take place on **Thursday 18th April** from 2.00 - 4.00 pm at Dinah Barnes's house, The Old Chapel, Kingston Deverill, BA12 7HG. Please call 845117 if you need directions. Everyone welcome.



The Athenaeum Singers invite you to
Come and sing Poulenc's Gloria from scratch

£10 plus score hire

9.30 am - 4.30 pm Saturday 6th April

Warminster Baptist Church, BA12 9AD

Drinks available, please bring your own lunch

The Athenaeum Singers present

Haydn: The Creation

7.00 pm Saturday 1st June

The Minster Church of St Denys, BA12 8PQ



Warminster & District Christian Aid

CHARITY DINNER

Monday 8th April at The Agra Restaurant

East Street, Warminster BA12 9BN

By kind invitation of Mr Muzib Rahman

2 sittings: 6.30 pm & 8.30 pm

Bring your own alcoholic drinks

£20 per person - advance reservation essential

Tickets on sale from rectoryh@gmail.com

Or phone either 301137, 216056 or 0771 332 7377



Good Friday

On **Good Friday 19th April** at **St Michael's Church, Brixton Deverill** **John Stainer's Oratorio 'The Crucifixion'** will be played from 11.00 am to 12.10 pm. Please drop by for five or ten minutes or longer to listen to some or all of this lovely piece of music. In the words of Piers Burton Page: "Fling wide the gates!" How often has that exultant instruction, in the first chorus, resounded around a mighty cathedral, or humble parish church, town hall or assembly room, in busy towns or quiet villages. Good Friday, a day that even in our largely secular and post modern age is still set aside as a day of devotion and contemplation, when we can pause to think of other things: suffering and death. Music can help, especially this music which can be listened to, with enrichment, by all who have ears to hear. Following the Oratorio, a short Good Friday Service will be conducted, finishing around 12.30 pm. Coffee/Tea and Hot Cross Buns will be available at a table inside the church.



Church Electoral Roll

Following Reverend Pauline's call last month, if you wish to have your name entered on the new Electoral Roll, please apply for enrolment **no later than Sunday 14 April**. Forms should be returned to Diana Abbott, 29 The Marsh, Longbridge Deverill, BA12 7EA. She will also be happy to answer any queries or supply further forms if required, please call her on 840763.



Longbridge Deverill Parish Council

At the meeting held on 4th March three grant applications were approved and traffic management proposals were discussed.

Wiltshire's Best Kept Village Competition

Would you like your village to be entered into the Best Kept Village competition which is run annually, entries to be in by 20th April, the judging will take place between mid-May and June. Any group or groups e.g. the church, the Village Hall, The Flower Show, the Pub can compile the entry and coordinate the preparations for judging, but must be supported by the Parish Council. The judges will be looking for evidence of a vibrant village that keeps litter and general untidiness to a minimum, it is not all about flowers. Further information is available on CPRE Wiltshire's website or contact the Parish Clerk.

The Annual Parish Meeting of the electorate of Longbridge Deverill Parish will take place on **Monday 1st April**, all residents of the Parish are invited.

The next Parish Council meeting will be the Annual meeting which will take place on **Tuesday 7th May**. Both will be in the Parish Hall and start at 7.30 pm

Full minutes and the agenda, are available on village notice boards, Parish web site www.crockertonlongbridgeandhilldeverill.co.uk or from the Parish Clerk at longbridgedeverillpc@gmail.com



Upper Deverills Parish Council

On 13th March two new Councillors were co-opted onto the Parish Council. We welcome and thank Gillian Flint and Richard Munro for joining us. The next UDPC meeting will be the Annual Meeting on **Wednesday 8th May** at 6.00 pm followed by the regular Parish Council meeting. Everyone is most welcome to come along.



Student work experience

Year 11 (age 16) Female student, hoping to study Agriculture as an apprentice at Lackham College, starting Summer 2019 is looking for a work placement on any type of farm within a radius of 10-15 miles from the Deverills. I am happy to volunteer during weekends and school holidays beforehand. I have direct family connections with the dairy farming industry. I would prefer to work more with animals than machinery. CV available on request. Please contact me on 844949.



Wylve Valley Art Trail 2019

The most exciting Open Studios event in Wiltshire is taking place this summer. It is the Wylve Valley Art Trail, and it is a special, extended event, from **Saturday 18th May until Bank Holiday Monday 27th May**: ten days to celebrate the tenth Trail. Ten artists and art groups who showed their work at the very first Trail are exhibiting this year; seven of them have participated in every Trail there has been. The work of these original participants demonstrates the huge variety of art on the Trail: Nick Andrew, Pat Armstrong and the Look and See Group, Joanna Sims and Hilary Turnbull are painters; Pepe Argo is a jeweller, Matthew Burt a furniture maker, Julie Ayton a ceramicist and Ruth Dresman a glass artist, while David O'Connor and Olivia Clifton-Bligh are multi-disciplinary, painting, printmaking and sculpting.

The art on show this year is as varied as it was in the first Trail. There is everything you could possibly want to see, from painting and printmaking to illustration and calligraphy; sculpture and ceramics to hand-forged ironwork and garden mosaics; furniture and glass to millinery and paper crafts, and a whole lot more. This 10th Trail reflects the concerns of 2019, with many artists working in upcycled materials. There is something for every taste and every budget, with shows by award-winning artists, talented amateurs and students starting out on their artistic career. Some students weren't born when the first Trail took place! Wrap this all up and scatter it around one of the most beautiful areas of the country and you have something fabulous to do in the second half of May. For more information please contact coordinator, Laura Rich on info@wvat.co.uk or call 07910 736563. Website address: wvat.co.uk

Look & See group



Our local Look & See Group will be exhibiting at the Upper Deverills Village Hall, Kingston Deverill, daily from 10.30 am to 5.30 pm. This is a social event when we hope to see many old and new friends. Our work is as varied as the personalities of the talented members of the group. Have you got original works of art on your walls? Images that require quiet consideration of colours, textures and shapes that have become familiar icons over the years. We look forward to a visit from you when you can have a quiet cup of coffee and take a leisurely look at the work by local artists and ask questions. The Village Hall is home to many communal activities but when the Look & See members are at work you could hear a pin drop even on the carpet! The perfect antidote to constant news about our restless world.

Pat Armstrong

Longbridge Deverill Flower Show

The Show will take place on **Saturday 10th August** in The George Inn field from 12.00 noon to 4.30 pm. Donations on the gate; followed by music in the evening by Tim Steer and Duke Box. Please put the date in your diaries and start growing and preparing your items for the Show.



Saturday 18 - Monday 27 May 2019



Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall

The **Old Kitchen Store** in the Hall is one year old and is providing a vital service to the community. It is open Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 9.00 am - 11.30 am CASH ONLY selling basic grocery items.

Book lending library has a wide range of books, open in shop hours.

Coffee mornings every Friday 10.00 - noon. Come for a chat.

Friday 12th April - Film night Bohemian Rhapsody (12) 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm.

Saturday 13th April - Military Wives Choir 7.30 pm. Call 845111 for tickets, adults £8.00 under sixteen £5.00. There will be a bar.

Sunday 14th April - Kids for Cancer - young people are raising money for 'CLIC / MACMILLAN' by holding a coffee morning with a cake stall - everyone welcome.

The Post Office is coming back to Maiden Bradley - there will soon be post office services on **Tuesday afternoons between 2.00 pm and 4.00 pm**. Start date to be announced and we hope to serve tea and coffee.

Mere Historical Society

Talks will be in the Grove Building. £3 entry for non-members who are welcome.

Tuesday 2nd April AGM 7.00 pm for a glass of wine while you pay your sub of £10 for 2019/20. Pick up your newsletter. The AGM will be followed by a talk:

Death at Porton Down by David Masters. Investigation and inquest; at the time of this interesting investigation, David was the coroner for Swindon and Wiltshire.

Tuesday 16th April 7.30 pm The Mere Man talk by David Dawson, Director Wiltshire Museum. Mere Man was buried under a barrow on White Sheet Hill almost 4,500 years ago. David will talk about new evidence for the 'Beaker people' who brought the first metals to Britain and the remarkable gold 'sun disk' buried with him.



Visit one: Tuesday 21st May Kew Gardens and Kew Palace. Coach leaves Salisbury Street Car Park at 8.00 am returning about 7.00 pm. Cost: MHS Members £35, non-members £38 per person, includes coach and tip, entrance and guided tour of Kew Palace. Booking deadline 5th May. Details and booking forms from Mere Information Point or our website: www.merehistoricalsociety.org.uk or contact Caroline Cook 01747 861797

Mere Gardening Club - Going Wild in the Garden

Wednesday 10th April at 7.30 pm in the Grove Buildings, £2 for visitors who are very welcome. Dr Anne Bebbington is a botanist, plant ecologist and environmental educator. She will give an illustrated talk looking at a wide range of wildlife in a small town garden and threats to biodiversity. John Bebbington will provide the fascinating images of plants, insects and other wildlife. See www.meregardenclub.org.uk/ contact Janet Way 01747 860884.



SERVICES PARISH OF DEVERILLS & HORNINGSHAM

Sunday 7th April	5th of Lent Brixton 8.00 am Longbridge 10.30 am	Holy Communion Morning Worship
Sunday 14th April	Palm Sunday Kingston 10.30 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 18th April	Maundy Thursday Longbridge 7.00 pm	Agape Meal
Friday 19th April	Good Friday Brixton 11.00 am	Stainer's Crucifixion & Service
Sunday 21st April	Easter Day Longbridge 10.30 am Horningsham 10.30 am	Holy Communion Holy Communion
Sunday 28th April	Easter 2 Brixton 10.30 am Longbridge 4.00 pm Longbridge 6.30 pm	Benefice Holy Communion Rector Licencing Service Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Sunday 5th May	Easter 3 Kingston 8.00 am Longbridge 10.30 am	Holy Communion Morning Worship

Personal Morning Prayer

9.00 am Monday & Tuesday, at The Rectory, Wednesday at Kingston Church

Licensing Service - Rev Pauline Reid to become Rector

Longbridge Church at 4.00 pm Sunday 28th April



Everyone welcome

Followed by Tea & Cake in Longbridge Hall



Church Cleaners for April

Kingston Mandy Martyn & Angie Beloe

Brixton Penny Marsh & Mel Wiseman

Monday 1st April 9.30 - 10.30 am - All helpers please

Church Flower Arrangers of April

Kingston

Brixton

Longbridge

7th April	Lent	no	Flowers
14th April	Lent	no	Flowers
21st April	Easter	all	Helpers
28th April	Alice Stratton	Sophie Lawson	Jo Steptoe



SERVICES PARISH OF CORSLEY & CHAPMANSLADE

Sunday 7th April	5th of Lent Corsley 9.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 14th April	Palm Sunday Chapmanslade 9.30 am Corsley 11.00 am	Holy Communion Matins
Thursday 18th April	Maundy Thursday Corsley 7.00 pm	Agape Meal
Friday 19th April	Good Friday Chapmanslade 11.15 am	Messy Service
Sunday 21st April	Easter Day Temple 9.00 am Corsley 9.30 am	Holy Communion Holy Communion
Sunday 28th April	Easter 2 Brixton 10.30 am	Benefice Service Holy Communion
Sunday 5th May	Easter 3 Corsley 9.30 am	Holy Communion

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

6.30 pm Sunday 28th April in Longbridge Parish Hall - Everyone welcome

Canon Richard Askew

Many people will remember Richard and Margaret Askew who served in our parish. A Thanksgiving Service for Richard's life and ministry will be held on **Saturday 27th April at 2.00 pm in Bath Abbey**. We wish to remember Richard with gladness – happy colours, please. Light refreshments following the service. If you would like to make a donation in Richard's memory his wish was to support equally Juba Diocesan Secondary School and Bath Abbey's Footprint Project. Retiring collection at the service or donating details www.bathabbey.org

The Deverills, Crockerton & Horningsham 50/50 Club

A chance to win £50/£25 each month!

The February winners were: £50 Jean Staniland and £25 Liz Gatt

The club is run as a means of raising funds for our four Churches and **anyone is welcome to join**. The proceeds are divided with 50% used to support our four Churches and the other 50% for prizes from monthly draws. If you are interested, please contact Diana Abbott on 840763 or decabbott@gmail.com.