

SERVICES FOR MARCH 2016

THE OAK HILL GROUP OF PARISHES

(Alderton, Gt. Washbourne, Dumbleton & Wormington)

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	<u>ALDERTON</u>	<u>WASHBOURNE</u>	<u>DUMBLETON</u>	<u>WORMINGTON</u>
1st Sun March 6th Mothering		9.00 am P.C.C.W	10.30 am Mothering Sunday Service	
Sunday Purple	Readings: Exod.2 1-210; 2 Cor. 1 3-7; Luke 2 33-35			
2nd Sun March 13th Lent 5	10.30 am P.C.C.W M. West			9.00 am P.C.C.W
Purple	Readings: Isa. 43 16-21; Phil. 3 4b-14; John 12 1-8.			
3rd Sun March 20th Palm Sun.	8.00 a.m. H.C. B.C.P. G.C.G.Agg	9.00 am P.C.C.W	10.30 am P.C. C.W	6.00 pm Evensong
Red	Readings; Isa. 50 4-9a; Phil. 2 5-11; Luke 22 14-23			
4th Sun March 27th EASTER	9.30 a.m. P.C. C.W. M.Newman	9.00 am P.C. C.W.	11.15 am P.C. C.W.	9.00 am P.C. C.W.
White	Readings: Isa. 65 17- 25 ; Acts 10 34 -43; John 20 1-18			
Maundy Thursday March 24th			8.00 pm House Communion Yew Tree Cottage	
	Readings: Exod. 12 1-4; 1 Cor. 11 23-26; John 13 1-17, 31b-35			
Good Friday March 25th	2.00 pm Devotional Service			2.00 pm Devotional Service
Wednesday 2nd March	Evening Prayer 4.30 pm Great Washbourne			

CHURCHWARDENS

ALDERTON	
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DUMBLETON	
Mr C. Matthews, Yew Tree Cottage, Dumbleton	01386 881383
WORMINGTON	

Dear Friends,

I have it on very good authority that I have been given a nickname by some good villagers of Dumbleton! Apparently I am known by many as 'Waldorf' one of the curmudgeonly old characters in the 'Muppets'! He always has something to moan or complain about. What Me? Never!

One of my complaints is that people mumble, especially those on television. You turn on the tele and watch your programme, adjusting the sound to your hearing and then turn to another Channel where either the volume is so high it blasts you out of your chair, or it is so quiet you think you have gone completely mutt and Jeff! Or the characters mumble...and I find this worse amongst pop singers. For years I thought one of the lines to Creedence Clearwater Revival's song Bad Moon Rising was 'there's a bathroom on the right', Paul Young appeared to tell his girlfriend 'Every time you go away, you take a piece of meat with you' and my late mother was convinced that Crystal Gail was advocating a new eye and beauty treatment when she sang 'Doughnuts make my brown eyes blue'. After thinking about things you suddenly realise that what you think you saw, what you think you heard, was in fact something totally different. Thus: 'She's got a chicken to ride' when you listen to the lyrics carefully is actually 'She's got a ticket to ride'.

I often think the events of Holy Week and Easter are a bit like that. We see and we don't understand, we listen and the words don't make sense. Who in their right mind would want to kill a good man who never did anyone any harm; who healed the sick, cured the lame, and was available for any who wanted to talk to him? Did we really hear correctly the crowds shouting for a bloody murderer to be released rather than Jesus? What was Pilate mumbling about when he declared Christ innocent and then the next minute washed his hands of the whole ghastly affair? The Disciples also fell prey to misunderstandings...first Jesus alive, then they witnessed the Crucifixion, then they laid Him in the grave....and then they are expected to believe He was alive! Had they heard correctly? Did they mishear? Some said they had seen him, others that they hadn't and wouldn't believe any of it. It was only when they fitted all the pieces together and calmed down and LISTENED to each other carefully that everything fell into place. One Disciple would say 'Don't you remember Jesus saying...?' and another would say 'Yes and he also said ...'and before you know it the whole jigsaw puzzle was completed and almost sprung to life. As you read the narrative there appears to be a group who had listened carefully ... the women in the band of followers. They had listened, they had worked it out and it was (in my opinion) the women who steadied the nerves of their male counterparts (who couldn't believe their own eyes) by recounting what they had seen on that early Easter Sunday morning. They blurted out 'Christ has Risen' and down the centuries, if we have

BISHOP RACHEL'S VISIT TO THE TEWKESBURY & WINCHCOMBE DEANERY

Members of all congregations are warmly welcomed to an informal meeting with Bishop Rachel, Bishop of Gloucester, on Thursday March 3rd in Holy Trinity Church, Barton Street, Tewkesbury at 7.30 pm

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year the service will take place in St. Peter's Church, Winchcombe, on Friday 4th March at 2.30 pm. All are most welcome

ALDERTON

Holy Communion at 8.00a.m. Services - these will begin again on March 20th for the summer months.

Church Spring Cleaning. It is time for the Annual Spring Clean which this year will take place between Monday 7th and Saturday 12th March. We would very much like your help. There will be a list of jobs to be done, on the leaflet shelf in the Church, so please put your name down and do the job during the week at a time most convenient to you and tick the list when the job has been completed. (You do not have to be on the Cleaning Rota!)

Easter Flowers. If anyone would like to give a donation towards Easter Flowers in memory of a loved one, please place it in the wall safe by the north door of the church or give it to Carla

Easter Decoration. The church will be decorated for the Festival on Saturday March 26th starting at 9.00 am.—we would appreciate as much help as possible

The EASTER Day Service will be at the earlier time of 9.30 am. All are most welcome

Easter Monday, March 28th Cream Teas. Come and celebrate the Easter weekend with us! Waitress served cream teas will be held again this year in the Village Hall between **2.30 - 4.30 pm** together with a Bring and Buy, Vintage, Easter flowers and country kitchen stalls and an Easter cake raffle. (£5 per head for the Cream Tea) All proceeds to St. Margaret's Bell Tower Appeal. If you are able to help with this event or the Summer Fete on July 9th (also in aid of St. Margaret's Church), please get in touch with Ross Smith 620 560.

'Let there be Love', Music for a Spring evening. Alderton and Dumbleton Church Choir invite you to their Music Evening in St. Margaret's Church on **Friday 15th April at 7.30 pm.** This will be a musical extravaganza featuring popular wedding music and other music composed by Ian Dale. The proceeds will be shared between Alderton and Dumbleton Churches. Tickets £10 to include canapes. There will also be a bar. Tickets available from Helen West 620587 helenmarywest4@gmail.com or Tricia Steggles 01386 882049 psteggles@waitrose.com or any member of the choir.

Flower Rota. After Easter there will be a new Flower Rota, for the summer months, on the leaflet shelf. If anyone would like to arrange the flowers in Church, please sign the rota for the week(s) they would like to do them. You do not need to be an expert flower arranger! Why not do them with a friend?

MOTHERS' UNION

Our meeting this month will be on Thursday 17th March at 2.30 pm at Beryl's House when the Rev'd Julia Hook will be coming along to speak to us. Please let me know by Sunday 13th March, if you are able to go to the Cathedral on Monday 4th April for the Lady Day Service at 2.00 pm. This service is a very special occasion as our new Diocesan Presidents will be commissioned as will the Trustees and the MU Speakers. It will be followed by tea and cakes in the Chapter House.

GREAT WASHBOURNE

Evening Prayer will be said in St. Mary's at 4.30 pm on Wednesday 2nd March
Easter Day. There will be a Parish Communion Service at 9.00 am - all are most welcome to come and join us.

The AGM: This will take place in the Church on Wednesday 30th March at 7.45 pm Parishioners please do try to come along as we need to organise fund raising activities in the village for 2016.

A Family Fun Quiz will be held in the Church on Friday 22nd April 6.30 - 10.00 pm. This will be suitable for all ages and we hope you will come along with your family and/or friends (teams of 4 or 5 or join one on the night). Tickets priced £10 adult (£5 children) to include a two course hot meal will be available from Karen Cox 620633, Jane Kent 620291 or Carla Edelston 620600 or on the night. There will be a bar and a raffle. All proceeds are for Church Funds.

DUMBLETON

Maundy Thursday. There will be a simple House Holy Communion Service at 8.00 pm in Yew Tree Cottage, by kind invitation of Lynda and Charles Matthews.

Easter Sunday. Please note the Parish Communion Service will be at the later time of **11.15 am.**

The PCC meets on Wednesday 2nd March 7.30 pm at Stonelee, Blacksmith's Lane
The Friendly Coffee Mornings which are held fortnightly at the Cricket Pavilion, in aid of the church refurbishment will be on Tuesdays 8th & 22nd March 10.30 am - 12 noon
Readers. Volunteers are needed to read lessons at Sunday services. If you are willing to do this, please contact Lynda Matthews on 881383

Clock Face. We expect work to repair and renovate the clock face will take place in March.

Refresh Project. We are hoping to start work in March on this project to provide toilet, refreshment, meeting and storage facilities. There will obviously be some disruption, in particular to access to the church via the main path on the north side.

Holy Matrimony

February 12th - Alan Thomas Lewis and Sarah Elizabeth Weeks

R.I.P.

February 1st - Leslie Ann Knight (Thanksgiving Service)

WORMINGTON

PCC AGM will take place on Sunday 20th March at 6.50 pm in St. Katharine's Church - All are welcome to attend.

Spring Cleaning. A list of spring cleaning jobs will be on the font from the beginning of March. We welcome as many volunteers as possible to come and help the regulars to give St. Katharine's a spruce up! Please put your name against jobs you are able to do. This should be completed by Saturday 26th March when we will be decorating the church with flowers for Easter Sunday.

Easter Flowers. Baskets will be in the foyer of Barbara Smith's house "Fairways" from the week beginning 21st March. Please help yourself to one to help decorate St. Katharine's church on Saturday 26th March. If you would prefer to donate some money for flowers please contact Barbara - 01386 584371. Many thanks.