



## THANK YOU

Many thanks to all of you who have sent cards, good wishes and your prayers during this difficult time. Angela and I have been so grateful for your kind thoughts.  
Rev'd Nick

## EASTER SUNDAY April 16th

As this Sunday will be the last one that the Rev'd Nick will be with us, before his retirement, it has been decided to have just the one Parish Communion Service for the 4 Churches in Dumbleton at 10.30 am. This will be followed by refreshments so that we can all say goodbye. Although Nick may not be able to preside at this service, he and Angela will join us in the congregation.

## ALDERTON

**AGM** This will take place after the 10.30 am service on Palm Sunday, April 9th. All are most welcome to attend this most important meeting

**Good Friday.** Please note that the Devotional Service will be at **12. noon** this year

**Easter Sunday** It would be lovely if as many people as possible from Alderton could go to Dumbleton for this service. We shall miss Nick's dry sense of humour and his chatty homespun sermons.

In the afternoon, Paul Smith, the Captain of the Bell Tower, is arranging for Alderton's Church bells to be rung. This will be a fitting send off for Nick.

**Easter Flowers.** Although there will not be a service in Alderton at Easter there will be one the following week and it would be good to have arrangements in the Church for the festive season. So the Church will be decorated on Saturday 15th starting at 9.00 am

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

**Churchyard Tidy up.** Despite the inclement weather, this took place on March 18th. Many thanks to all who helped. The churchyard looks a treat at the moment with all the daffodils out.

**Conservation Area.** Ros has pegged this out, ready for the mowing season. Mowing may be a bit trickier as a result, but the pay off is a churchyard that supports nature. Already some of the primroses are in bloom.

R.I.P

February 27th - Christine Herbert

## MOTHERS' UNION

Our meeting this month will be on Thursday 20th April at 2.30 pm at Beryl's house when the two Diocesan Presidents, Helen Barton and Dorothy Marshall, will be coming to speak to us. We also hope to have a new member enrolled at that meeting. Tea and cakes will be served afterwards so we have an opportunity to chat with the visitors.

## GREAT WASHBOURNE

**On Easter Eve,** April 15th, at 6.00 pm there will be a short service of 'Light' when the Pascal candle will be lit. Please do come along to that service.

**Easter Day.** Please do try to go to the Service at Dumbleton at 10.30 am, when the four parishes will join together to say their farewells to the Rev'd Nick and Angela.

**Thank You.** We are so grateful to all those who turned up to help tidy the churchyard last month. Clearing some of the tree branches and underneath them has really made a difference. Also very many thanks to those who have willingly signed up to take turns in mowing the churchyard this year. Visitors always remark on its tidiness!!

## DUMBLETON

**On Maundy Thursday,** April 13th there will be a House Communion Service in Yew Tree Cottage at **6.00 pm.** Please let Charles Matthews know if you are able to attend.

**Coffee mornings** at the Cricket Pavilion on 4th and 18th April 10.30 - 12 noon  
Open to all who would like to come along.

**Annual Church Spring Clean Sat. 1st April;** all hands on deck please to give our beautiful church its annual thorough clean ready for Easter. Refreshments will be served.

**Sunday 2nd April** after the 10.30 am service the **AGM will take place.** The meeting of parishioners to elect Churchwardens will be followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. All parishioners are invited to attend. Everyone is asked to seriously consider putting their names forward to act as Churchwardens or to join the committee to help with the running and care of our church and to keep the worship of God alive in this place. We do need more people to come forward and take an **active role.** If you wish to help please contact Charles Matthews (01386 881383)

**Evening Prayer** will be said in St. Peter's at 4.30 on Wednesday 5th April

**Saturday 15th April 2.00—4.00 pm St. Peter's Easter gardens and crosses craft activity for the family.** You are welcome to bring any foliage which you might like to use. All other materials and refreshments provided. Please phone Gail Braham (01386 882092, mobile 07521750087) or Email [gailbraham@aol.com](mailto:gailbraham@aol.com) to book your place.

**Creative Cards Craft Morning at St. Peter's Church held last month** was a very successful and enjoyable event.

**St. Richard's Hospice Coffee Morning** last month raised £750 added to which was another £200 that Jo Brett's son raised at school.

**The Lent Lunch** held on **March 14th raised £93.75** which was donated to the Disasters Committee for the East Africa crisis appeal. Thanks to everyone who helped or contributed in any way.

**The New Year Smartie Challenge** raised a magnificent £218.90 for the Salvation Army. Many thanks for your generosity from Jenny Maher

## Holy Matrimony

25th February - Christy Charles Healy and Stephanie Diane Hankin

11th March - Michael Lee Mouldsdales and Emma Claire Rea Hill

**Chairs:** There are four Cox metal frame stacking chairs with canvas seats and backs at St. Peter's that are surplus to requirements and available in return for a donation. Please contact Paul Steggle 01386 882049

## WORMINGTON-

**Church Spring Cleaning.** A list of spring cleaning jobs is on the font. 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 15th April when we will be decorating the church with flowers for Easter.

**Easter Flowers.** Baskets will be in the foyer of Barbara Smith's house "Fairways" from week beginning 10th April. Please help yourself to one to help decorate St. Katharine's Church for Easter Sunday 16th April. If you would prefer to donate some money for flowers please contact Barbara—01386 584371. Many thanks.

**Evening Prayer** will be said in St. Katherine's on Wednesday 26th April at 4.30 pm