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## I am the Resurrection and the Life

We enter April and immediately Easter is upon us. Our Lenten journeys of the past month are now over and some of us might be reflecting on what we have learnt. Has Lent been a time of transformation? Have our resolutions encouraged and developed our spirituality and faith in God?

With Easter comes new life and new directions: we are now encouraged to step out of the darkness of Lent into the bright light and hope of Easter. Any regrets we may have regarding our Lenten discipline can be laid aside as we begin the new season.

To the disciples and followers of Jesus the events they had witnessed in the days leading up to Easter spoke only of death, sorrow and disaster. There seemed nothing left to hope for, no reason to expect a change in their lives. They had watched Jesus suffer and die, then seen him buried in a tomb and the stone rolled against the entrance. The adventure of faith was over and all their dreams too.

But suddenly it was all turned around. Three women went to the tomb and returned with the news that Jesus was not there. Two men on the road to Emmaus declared that Jesus had met them and broken bread with them. And then, as the disciples huddled together in the upper room, Jesus appeared amongst them, risen and victorious. It seemed too

good to be true: JESUS WAS ALIVE!

'I am the Resurrection and the Life' is what Jesus told his followers. And that's what he tells us. It is a miracle that some find difficult to accept and that many have argued over fiercely. We can't prove it any more than they can, but we can discover the truth for ourselves, for the risen Christ is constantly waiting to meet each of us and transform our lives. We need only to respond, to put our trust in him, give him space to work. Do that and we will find a miracle not just in the words of scripture but deep within our hearts - life changed forever!

Wherever we are on our spiritual quest, whether we are oldies or newbies we have the certain knowledge that we can be transformed. If we lay our lives before God and trust in the resurrection, then we are raised with Him.

I would like to leave you with some of the words of one of my favourite songs, a Resurrection Hymn written by Stuart Townend. May they be an encouragement to you this Easter.

*See what a morning gloriously bright  
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem  
Folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light  
As the angels announce Christ is risen.*

*See God's salvation plan  
Wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,  
Fulfilled in Christ the Man,  
For He lives, Christ is risen from the dead.*

*One with the Father, Ancient of Days,  
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty,  
Honour and blessing, glory and praise  
To the King crowned with power and authority.  
And we are raised with Him  
Death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered  
And we shall reign with Him,  
For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead.*

Have a wonderful Easter - don't eat too much chocolate!!  
Love Skye

## Parish Calendar for April 2018

### St Nicholas Marston

#### 1 Easter Sunday

6am Easter Sunrise Service      Revd Skye Denno  
10am All Age service              Revd Skye Denno

#### 8 Second Sunday of Easter

8am Holy Communion (BCP)      Revd Skye Denno  
10am Parish Communion (CW)      Revd Skye Denno  
Preacher: David Cranston  
6pm Evensong (BCP)              Revd Skye Denno  
followed by Pints of View      Preacher Ben Knighton

#### 11 Wednesday

9.30am Holy Communion (CW)      Revd Skye Denno

#### 15 Third Sunday of Easter

8am Holy Communion (BCP)      Revd Skye Denno  
10am Parish Communion (CW)      Revd Skye Denno  
Preacher: Joel Denno  
6pm Eat, Pray, Love (in Ch Hall)      Neil Barker

#### 18 Wednesday

9.30am Holy Communion (CW)      Revd Skye Denno

#### 22 Fourth Sunday of Easter

8am Holy Communion (BCP)      Revd Skye Denno  
10am Parish Communion (CW)      Revd Skye Denno  
6pm Evensong                      Revd Skye Denno  
at Elsfield (joint service)

#### 25 Wednesday

9.30am Holy Communion (CW)      Revd Skye Denno

#### 29 Fifth Sunday of Easter

8am Holy Communion (BCP)      Revd Skye Denno  
10am Parish Communion (CW)      Revd Skye Denno  
Preacher: Revd Stephanie Bullock  
12noon Annual Parochial Church Meeting  
6pm Taizé Service                  Revd Skye Denno  
Preacher: Joel Denno

#### Bible Readings for Parish Communion

- 1 Acts 10:34-43; 1 Cor 15:1-11; John 20:1-18  
8 Exo 14:10-end, 15:20-21; Acts 4:32-35;  
1 John 1:1-2:2  
15 Zep 3:14-end; Acts 3:12-19; 1 John 3:1-7  
22 Gen 7:1-5, 11-18, 8:6-18, 9:8-13; Acts 4:5-12;  
1 John 3:16-end  
29 Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Acts 8:26-end; 1 John 4:7-end

#### St Thomas of Canterbury, Elsfield

##### 1 Easter Sunday

12noon Holy Communion (BCP)      Revd Skye Denno

##### 8 Sunday

10am John Buchan Society Service      tbc

##### 22 Sunday

6pm Evensong

#### Coffee Pot

Coffee Pot meets on Monday 9 April in the Church Hall from 12noon – 2pm for lunch this month. Why not try a different way to begin the week? For any who require lifts, please phone Eileen Palayiwa on 725423 or David Blair on 246959 (or leave a message with a number to call back).

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#### Churches Together Ecumenical Quiet Days

The EQD on Thursday 19 April 2018 will be led by Rev Jean King. We meet at Marston URC, 352 Marston Road, OX3 0JB from 12 noon to 4pm (please bring your own lunch). All are welcome.

#### Over 50s Club

16 April AGM; subscriptions due - £10.  
30 April Al's Owls with Alan Charlotte.

#### 43rd Oxford (St Nicholas) Scout Group

Our next Jumble Sale will take place on Saturday 14 April at 2pm at our HQ in Boults Lane, entry 20p: come and support us! Refreshments available. Road collections will take place and items on the morning of the sale accepted at HQ 9.30-11.30am. No TVs, videos, other electrical or large items please.

#### WI meeting

The next meeting for the W.I. will be held on Tues, 10 April at 7.30pm. The Speaker will be Jeremy Holmes, who will give a talk on Andrew Carnegie, The Richest Man in the World, who gave it all away.

Copy deadline for May's issue is  
Thurs 19 April

### **Bellringers' notes**

The resourceful Hugh has organised a series of cheering Mondays visiting some towers. In January our goal was the sought-after villages of West Berkshire. In the Vale of the Race Horse it seems ringing and racing go very much together. 12 of us started at Kintbury and some were lucky to ring the 2, a bell added by the Queen in memory of Sir Gordon Richards. In Lambourn, we met no jockeys but enjoyed our lunch in The George with its walls covered in racing memorabilia. We finished at Great Shefford, an anticlockwise ring of 6 set in a round tower. Great drifts of snowdrops in winter sunshine and extensive views of the gallops enhanced our homeward journey. Do join us! Ring Anthony on 244570.

### **A Happy Sixtieth Anniversary to Mr and Mrs Payne**

William and Dorothy Payne were married in St Nicholas Church on 29 March 1958. They now live in Carmarthen, where William still receives his MarstonTimes. Many congratulations!

### **Marston Saints Football Club**

Marston Saints Football Club is lucky to have the use of two fields within Old Marston. The field nearest the Pavilion belongs to the PC and the other is leased from OCC. A public footpath runs down the side nearest Horseman Close and we are pleased that people to use it for exercise and dog walking. Current issues, however, are moles, dog-digging and dog-fouling. We have had to shut one pitch until it has been made safe. We are currently trapping moles: the traps are now inside and outside the orange fencing so *do* use the other field when you are letting your dogs off the lead. These traps pose a risk to both you *and* your dog if either of you touches one, so please *don't*! A hidden hole endangers our players. Finally, *please* use the dog poop bin outside the kissing gate in Horseman Close.

On a happier note, we will relaunch our girls' side after Easter: if you know of any girls aged 9-10 that might like to try out football please contact us via [www.msfc.org.uk](http://www.msfc.org.uk).



### **Old Marston Parish Council**

At the March Parish Council meeting there was a planning application from 20 Gordon Close to which the Council had no objections. OCC approved applications from 50 Raymond Road and 10 Elsfield Road but refused one from 46 Mortimer Drive.

Still no news or planning application for Swan School.

The Parish Council discussed the potential 750 dwelling development on the Northern boundary towards Elsfield. Although this is not in the Parish, the Council is very concerned about the impact on the sewage system, pollution, traffic congestion, building near a flood plain and on Green Belt land. There is still no idea of the impact Barton Park and the Swan School may have on Old Marston. A letter will be sent to SODC pointing out these concerns. (See insert for minutes of meeting on 12 Mar).

The Parish Council elections take place on 3 May. Although some may consider a Parish Council irrelevant in today's world, a local Councillor is a local person with knowledge of its Community: together they enable the Parish Council to make informed and relevant opinions on planning, provides support to local organisations and can be a link when the chain seems broken between the City or County Council.

If anyone is interested in standing to be a Parish Councillor; please contact the Clerk for details at the end of this article, and a form will be sent to you when it becomes available.

Hopefully the new footpath along Elsfield Road from the cemetery gate towards Marsh Lane will be completed later this year.

Thank you to everyone who was able to participate in Oxclean on 17 Mar and apologies to those who could not, due to the unavoidable postponement on 3 Mar.

The Parish Council will meet again on Monday 9 April at 7.30pm. All Parishioners are welcome to attend meetings.

Parish Clerk: Tim Cann - 203 139

Chairman: Duncan Hatfield - 07706 998224

Vice-Chairman: Tony Greenfield - 07876 205200

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### **From the Registers**

#### **Funeral Service**

23 March at St Nicholas – Michael Fraser

## Parish Organisations

### Allotments Associations

Court Place Farm, Boults Lane. Secretary: Mr. T. Cann.  
 Sunday mornings 8.30 am – 11.00 am..... 01865 202104  
 Mill Lane Chairman: Dr. M. Unkovskaya ..... 07771 702548  
 Treasurer Dr David Bullock ..... 07902 805784  
 Secretary Christine Mitchell ..... 07789 991051

### Baby and Toddler Club

Gill Hale, 64 Arlington Drive ..... 01865 248260

### Bellringers:

Practice Friday 7.30pm Learners welcome  
 Anthony Hughes, 2, Oxford Road ..... 01865 244570

### Choirs and Musicians at St Nicholas

Junior Choir, SATB Choir, Music Group  
 Practices at various times.  
 Neil Barker ..... 01865 604617 or 07774 050056

### Coffee Pot

Coffee morning, monthly, Monday  
 David Blair ..... 01865 246959 or 07917 298408  
 Eileen Palayiwa, 27 Ouseley Close ..... 01865 725423

### Rainbow, Brownie, Guide and Ranger Units

Evenings throughout the week. .... Adult volunteers as well as girls welcomed!

District Commissioner, Lesley Dentry, ..... 01865 07765 418067

### Leisure:

OXS RAD Sports and Leisure Centre,  
 Court Place Farm, Marsh Lane ..... 01865 741336

### Library (Mortimer Hall)

Tuesday 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm 5.30 pm to 7.00 pm  
 Thursday 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm 5.30 pm to 7.00 pm  
 Friday 10.00 am to 12.00 noon. 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm  
 Saturday 9.30 am to 12.30 pm ..... 01865 726823

Hedena Health Medical Centre ..... 01865 227788

### Marston Saints Football Club

John Page. .... www.msfc.org.uk

### Mortimer Hall (Village Hall)

Chris Crane, 2 Raymund Road ..... 01865 727995

### Over 50's Club

Alternate Mondays, 2.30 pm in Church Hall.  
 Secretary, Jane Madden ..... 01865 209086

### Oxford City Council (Marston Representatives)

Mary Clarkson, 8 Dunstan Road, Oxford OX3 9BY ..... 01865 751493  
 Mick Haines, 3 Croft Road ..... 01865 421600

### Oxfordshire County Council (Marston Representative)

Mark Lygo ..... 07765 665 726

### Oxford Preservation Trust, Marston Area

Lucy Hughes, Cross Farm. .... 01865 244570

### Parentline

Confidential helpline for parents ..... 01865 726600

### Parish Council

Parish Clerk: Tim Cann, 8 Nicholas Avenue ..... 01865 203139  
 (Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 9.00 am – 1.00 pm)  
 Chairman: John Batey, 47 Horseman Close. .... 01865 765311  
 Vice Chairman: Duncan Hatfield. .... www.oldmarston-pc.gov.uk

### Pre-school at Mortimer Hall

open 9 sessions a week ..... 07818 236348

### Royal British Legion Club Hall:

Steward ..... 01865 243991

### Schools

Friends of St Nicholas School ..... 01865 242838

### Scouts — 43rd Oxford (St. Nicholas) Scout Group, Boults Lane

Chair, Tracy McAteer ..... 07714 653088 tracycateer@hotmail.co.uk  
 Group Leaders, Rob & Lisa Pocock  
 07841 577567 lisapocock@hotmail.co.uk  
 Beaver Scouts Leader, Sue Springett ..... 01865 251515  
 Cub Scouts Leader, Karen Holliday ..... 01865 760559  
 Scouts Leader, Linda Phillips ..... 07804 925705

### St. Nicholas Church Hall and Committee Room

Gill Hale, 64 Arlington Drive ..... 01865 248260

### Women's Institute

Second Tuesday in month, 7.30 pm in Church Hall.  
 President, Sue Hawes ..... 01865 247106  
 Secretary, Mavis Curtis ..... 01865 351325

## Trade Directory

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 ..... brian.r.turner@ntlworld.com  
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 69 London Road, Headington, OX3 9AA ..... 01865 427272

### Hair and Beauty

Fiona's Hair Salon: new location -  
 Salford Road, Old Marston OX3 0RX ..... 01865 241632  
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 offering excellent rates, in the comfort of your own home  
 ..... 07977 403775, 01235 539245

### Monumental Mason

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### Pharmacy

Northway Pharmacy: 2 Cherwell Drive, OX3 0LY ..... 01865 763706  
 Marston Pharmacy: 11 Old Marston Road ..... 01865 243824

### Plumbing, Heating & Gas

A. Exell: Gas Safe installer,  
 34 Campion Way, Witney OX28 1ES. .... 07779 298030  
 S. J. Moore: Installation and servicing for all gas appliances.  
 Gas Safe Reg. 146337.  
 76, Arlington Drive. .... 01865 724037. 07970 470176

### Andrew Job Plumbing & Heating Ltd:

Gas Safe Registered Engineer 125206... 01865 761896, 07710 390980

### Tree Surgery, Fruit Tree Pruning

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