

MARSTON TIMES

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Dear Friends,

As I write this article Lent has already begun and, with it, the preparations for Holy Week and Easter. Traditionally, Lent is the time in the Church calendar when we reflect on the 40 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness. It is a time of preparation, a time to look inside ourselves to give ourselves a mental and spiritual spring clean.

Within the church building, we symbolise this by removing ornamentation, such as the flowers and other decorations: this creates an air of simplicity and solemnity. We also omit some of our liturgy to enable us to focus on Jesus' ministry and suffering. Personally, I find Lent helps me to really appreciate the joy of Easter.

You no doubt all know that the season of Lent begins after Shrove Tuesday (or Pancake day), when the larder is emptied of fats and sugars and a feast is held before a simpler diet is taken up during Lent. Many people give up luxuries such as chocolate, biscuits or alcohol, for Lent.

A few years ago I stopped giving up things for Lent, as I queried what was actually motivating me to do so: was I using the season as a way to lose weight? I noticed that my fasting was not resulting in increased time spent in prayer, reading the Bible, or drawing closer to God. So, instead of giving something up, I resolved to take something on for Lent; something like reading a book or joining a Lent study group.

This year I have continued this tradition by reading a wonderful book that explores Lent through art and also by walking Oscar, our dog, with Joel early in the morning. This gives me a chance to clear my head and listen to what God has to say!

Easter is also the time that reminds us that Spring is on the way: the snowdrops, crocuses and daffodils have brought colour to our drab and dreary winter gardens. New life is

appearing in all of creation; as I walk Oscar I love watching the lambs leaping in the nearby fields.

As we prepare for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter Sunday we can be encouraged to spend a few minutes each day, just to stop and draw closer to God. Wherever we are and whatever we are able to do I pray that we will all find time to take stock, look out of the window or into a mirror, perhaps to do a little bit of spring-cleaning in our lives and begin to prepare for the glory of the Easter season.



St Nicholas
Marston
COMMUNITY
EASTER FUN

Saturday 13th April

St Nicholas Parish Hall

10am – 1pm



Lots of EASTER CRAFT activities,

Egg Hunts! FACE PAINTING,

Spring bulbs/herb planting, Easter Raffle,

Experience the Road to Easter in the Church

Hotdogs & Hot Cross Buns, & lots more!

FREE ENTRY



Much love,
Skye

Parish Calendar for April 2019

St Nicholas, Marston

3 Wednesday

9.30am Holy CommunionRevd Skye Denno

7 The Fifth Sunday of Lent

8am Holy Communion (BCP).....Revd Skye Denno

10am All Age Service..... Neil Barker

11.30am APCM in Parish Hall

6pm Healing Service with HC.....Revd Skye Denno

10 Wednesday

9.30am Holy Communion (CW)...Revd Skye Denno

14 Palm Sunday

8am Holy Communion (BCP).....Revd Skye Denno

10am Palm Sunday Service with HC.Revd Skye Denno

2.30pm Churches Together Procession

with donkey, starting at St Nic's

6pm Evensong (BCP).....Revd Andy Gosler

followed by Pints of View in the Red Lion

15 Monday

6pm Seder meal at St Michael's, Marston Road

16 Tuesday

7.30pm Holy Communion (CW)...Revd Julia Baldwin

17 Wednesday

9.30am Holy Communion (CW).....Revd S Bullock

18 Thursday

6.30pm Fish & chip supper at Elsfield

19 Good Friday

10am Good Friday Liturgy.....Revd Skye Denno

21 Easter Day

6am Easter Day Sunrise Service Revd Skye Denno

followed by Breakfast in Parish Hall or Vicarage

10am Easter Service.....Revd Skye Denno

28 The Second Sunday of Easter

8am Holy Communion (BCP)..... Revd S Bullock

10am Parish Communion (CW)... Revd S Bullock

6pm Evensong (BCP).....Revd Andy Gosler

St Thomas of Canterbury, Elsfield

3 Wednesday

8.30pm Compline Revd Skye Denno

10 Wednesday

8.30pm Compline Revd Andy Gosler

21 Easter Sunday

12pm Holy Communion (BCP).... Revd Skye Denno

Vicar

Revd Skye Denno202988

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OVER 50s CLUB

On 1 April Hazel Rugg will give a talk on her trip titled *Buen Camino*. On 15 April Ann Sherman will talk on *Pompeii*.

COFFEE POT

April's meeting will be a lunch on Mon 8 April in the Church Hall from 12 - 2pm: do come and join us! For lifts, please phone Eileen Palayiwa 725423 or David Blair 246959. Further dates for 2019 are 6 May, 3 June, 1 July.

WI MEETING

Our meeting will be held in the Parish Hall on Tue 9 April at 7.30 pm when the speaker will be Jane Abbot telling us about *Alpacas and a world of Fabulous Fluff!* Please come and join us for tea, cake and an interesting evening!

43rd OXFORD SCOUTS JUMBLE SALE

Our next Jumble Sale will take place on Sat 13 April at 2pm at our HQ in Boults Lane, entry 20p. Please come: support is needed. Road collections will take place with notification of collection day/time beforehand. Items gratefully received at our HQ on 13 Apr 9.30 - 11.30am. No electrical or large items.

MARSTON COMMUNITY GARDENING

Let us know if you want a free tree to plant in your garden, maybe oak, beech, or silver birch? Also tell us about surplus fruit and veg you might have later in the season to distribute to other Marston residents, and village groups. We will collect/deliver: 724081.

ECUMENICAL QUIET DAY

Note a change from usual day in the month: April's EQD is on Wed 17 April 12 noon - 4pm at the URC, 352 Marston Road. All welcome. Bring lunch!

ST GEORGE'S SUPPER IN ELSFIELD

...at 6pm on Sat 27 April: don't miss it: contact the churchwardens for details.

ST NICHOLAS MUSIC - EMAILING LIST & TWITTER

We now have a St Nicholas Music emailing list. We invite you to sign up and also invite others you know who might be interested. Please use this link: <http://eepurl.com/gjJ9U5> or go to the Concerts page on the church website (you can unsubscribe at any time). For those of you who use twitter we also have a new St Nicholas Music twitter feed: St Nicholas Music@StNicholasMusi1

YOGA

Wed evenings in Parish Hall from 7 - 8.30pm. Ring Jackie 07747 070111 or jackieyogaflow@gmail.com

BELLRINGERS' NOTES

In February Marston ringers and visitors had a busy weekend. On Saturday morning Michael and Hugh were at a well-supported City Branch Practice at St Andrew's, Headington. On the following wintry evening, Judy and Hugh attended the Witney & Woodstock Branch AGM at Langford, a remote, silent village near Burford. An unlit church and deep foggy darkness contributed to an unsurprisingly sparsely-attended meeting. Small numbers mean City Branch and Witney & Woodstock like to co-operate over fixture dates, hence our attendance, but such a remote venue obviously caused problems for many!

Holy Week and EASTER
 St Nicholas Church, Marston &
 St Thomas Church, Elsfield

Sat. 13th April - EASTER Fun day -10-1pm, Parish Hall
 Sun. 14th April - Palm Sunday All Age service 10am
 Churches Together DONKEY Procession 2:30pm start
 Mon. 15th April - Seder Meal at St Michael's New Marston 6pm
 Tues. 16th April - Holy Communion 7:30pm
 Wed. 17th April - Holy Communion 9:30am, Compline 8:30pm at Elsfield
 18th April Maundy Thursday - Fish n' Chip Supper, Agape 6:30pm
 19th April GOOD FRIDAY Liturgy 10am with Hotcross buns to follow.
 21st April EASTER Day Sunrise Service - 6am
 Breakfast together in the Parish Hall
 All Age EASTER day service - 10am
 BCP Holy Communion at Elsfield - 12noon

Journey through Lent **All Welcome**
 Celebrate Easter

Palm Sunday Prayer Walk

Starting at St Nicholas Church, Elsfield Road (OX3 0PR)
2:30pm Sunday 14th April

Prayer points...
 3:15pm Outside Northway Church, 12 Surton Rd (OX3 9RB)
 3:35pm Outside St Anthony of Padua, 115 Headley Way, (OX3 7SS)
 4pm Outside Marston URC, 352 Marston Rd, (OX3 0JB)
 4:20pm Outside St Michael's, Marston Rd, (OX3 0JA)
 Finishing with Hot cross buns, Tea & Coffee at St Michael's

Walk all the way with the Donkey or join anywhere along the route!

CHURCHES TOGETHER
 Marston and Northway

FREE CELLO CONCERT

..on Sat 11 May at St Nicholas Church from 6pm to 7pm by Benjamin Dry. He is an international musician and will be playing a recital of Bach suites. Entrance is free and there will be a retiring collection for the artist and church. Come and enjoy!

St Nicholas Music

CONCERT

BACH CELLO SUITES
 Cellist: Benjamin Dry

SATURDAY 11TH MAY
 6PM-7PM

ST NICHOLAS CHURCH
 MARSTON, OXFORD OX3 0PR

FREE ENTRY

Retiring Collection proceeds to:
 Benjamin Dry & St Nicholas Music

Tel: 01865 203139

PARISH COUNCIL MARCH MEETING NOTES

At the March Parish Council meeting the Council had no objections to planning applications for 29 Mill Lane and 24 Ashlong Road. There were concerns over plans for 17 Haynes Road, 1A and 60 Mortimer Drive due to overdevelopment and the effect on adjoining properties.

OCC advised the PC that applications for 62 Arlington Drive and 21 Rippington Drive had been approved but the application for 13 Mill Lane has been withdrawn.

Work being done outside agreed times at the Swan and Meadowbrook sites is causing traffic congestion. Councillors Mark Lygo, Mary Clarkson & Mick Haines plus the Parish Council are all liaising with the construction company.

Funding, Health & Safety regulations and planning constraints are delaying the PC's plan to replace the play equipment in Boult's Lane Recreation Ground. We hope to resolve this as soon as possible.

The PC will reinstate the boundary in School Lane to its correct position to maintain its rights of ownership.

The Cemetery store in Elsfield Road and a neighbouring property was recently broken into. Damaged fencing allowed horses to escape and one was killed. Please inform the police if you have any information.

A record number of volunteers helped to clean up the parish for this year's OXCLEAN. The PC thanks all those who participated.

The Council meets next on Monday 1 April in the Mortimer Hall at 7.30pm. All Parishioners are welcome to attend meetings.

The Clerk can be contacted by phone Mon to Wed 9am -1pm; otherwise a message can be left or email sent: clerk@oldmarston-pc.gov.uk. For information go to www.oldmarston-pc.gov.uk, Facebook or Twitter.

Parish Clerk: Tim Cann – 01865 203139
 Chairman: Duncan Hatfield - 07706 998224
 www.oldmarston-pc.gov.uk

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms
24 February Michael Patrick O'Sullivan
3 March Lyra Chloe Fergusson

Funerals
18 March Frank Hays
25 March Carol Owen

Parish Organisations

Allotments Associations

Court Place Farm, Boults Lane. Secretary: Mr. T. Cann.
Sunday mornings 8.30 am – 11.00 am01865 202104
Mill Lane Chairman: Dr. M. Unkovskaya07771 702548
Treasurer Dana Vlad07919 493580
Secretary Christine Mitchell07789 991051

Baby and Toddler Club

Gill Hale, 64 Arlington Drive01865 248260

Bellringers:

Practice Friday 7.30pm Learners welcome
Anthony Hughes, 2, Oxford Road01865 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 Close01865 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 (next to 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 pm01865 726823

Hedena Health Medical Centre. 01865 227788

Marston Community Gardening

Alistair Morris 01865 724081
Kate Robinson 01865 766620

Marston Saints Football Club

John Page. www.msfc.org.uk

Mortimer Hall (Village Hall)

Chris Crane, 2 Raymund Road01865 727995

Over 50's Club

Alternate Mondays, 2.30 pm in Church Hall.
Secretary, Jane Madden01865 209086

Oxford City Council (Marston Representatives)

Mary Clarkson, 8 Dunstan Road, Oxford OX3 9BY01865 751493
Mick Haines, 3 Croft Road01865 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 parents01865 726600

Parish Council

Parish Clerk: Tim Cann, 8 Nicholas Avenue01865 203139
(Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 9.00 am – 1.00 pm)
Chairman: Duncan Hatfield07706 998224

Pre-school at Mortimer Hall

open 9 sessions a week07818 236348

Royal British Legion Club Hall:

Steward01865 243991

Schools

Friends of St Nicholas School01865 242838

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

Chair, Tracy McAteer07714 653088 tracymcaateer@hotmail.co.uk
Group Leaders, Rob & Lisa Pocock
07841 577567 lisapocock@hotmail.co.uk
Beaver Scouts Leader, Sue Springett01865 251515
Cub Scouts Leader, Karen Holliday01865 760559
Scouts Leader, Linda Phillips07804 925705

St. Nicholas Church Hall and Committee Room

Alison Heard, Parish Office.....01865 580354

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

Airport transfers

MJM Airport transfers.....07983 225474

Architectural services for Planning Permissions/ Building Regulations

Digby Architectural: 4 Broughton Close07979 756918

Building/Builders Services

Lemarsh Building Services – plumbing and heating
22 Marsh Lane.....01865 761896 , 07484 274331
Colin Simpson: High Class painting, decorating and coving etc:

10 Dent's Close OX3 ONP 01865 742842

Trevor Dines: No job too small - plumbing, complete bathrooms
from fitting a door to building an extension. Free estimates.
8, Raymund Road 01865 452851, 07889 263140

Daniel Kelly: Painting and decorating services: All interior/exterior work
covered. Free quotations 01865 738958
73, Coniston Ave. Headington OX3 OAW..... 07725 819264

Cleaning Carpets & Upholstery

Grimebusters: Quality carpet, rug & upholstery cleaning at competitive
rates. Free estimates 01865 726983

Complementary Medicine

Oxford Therapies: Pain relief, stress management & more
www.oxford-therapies.com 07913 503257

Electricians

Brian Turner: Registered NICEIC domestic installer..... 01865 728729
All work guaranteed. 33, Salford Road 07538 382683
..... brian.r.turner@ntlworld.com

Craig Holloway Electrical Ltd: 07868 706392
6 Clays Close, Marston OX3 ONXenquiries@craigholloway.co.uk

Foot Clinic

Oxfordshire Foot Clinic: We provide fast & efficient foot treatments,
including nail cutting and corn/callus removal. We visit you at home.
Appointments..... 07742 964282

Funeral Directors

D L Hancock Ltd (Independent Family Run Firm)ß
Personal 24 hour service 7 days a week. 01865 767780
126 London Road, Headington OX3 9ED www.dlhancock.co.uk.

Homewood Funerals (Family-owned and managed)
14 Cherwell Drive, Marston OX3 4LY01865 570000

S & R Childs NAFD, part of Dignity plc. A British Company
69 London Road, Headington, OX3 9AA 01865 427272

Hair and Beauty

Dee: Fully qualified, insured ladies mobile hairdresser.....07736 668681
Fiona's Hair Salon:

Salford Road, Old Marston OX3 ORX 01865 241632

Lynette: Fully qualified mobile hairdresser, friendly and professional
offering excellent rates, in the comfort of your own home
..... 07977 403775, 01235 539245

Monumental Mason

Reeves Memorials: New memorials, removal for burials, added
inscriptions & renovations.
147A Magdalen Rd, Oxford. OX4 1RL 01865 251231

Locksmith & speciality car keys

Keyfit Security Products: 24h emergency call-out for vehicles & houses
13 Salford Rd, Old Marston OX3 ORX 01865 242898

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

R. Timms: 80 Oxford Road 01865 244608

Forwood: Tree Surgery. Hedge Cutting and Tree Pruning.
Mark Baldwin, 07765 935767, 01865 769917

Window Cleaning - MRF Window Cleaning Services

Mick Fry: 37, Green Hill Oxford OX4 7UD. Fully insured member of the
Federation of Master Window Cleaners.. 01865 777889, 07887 515168

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