

GREETINGS TO YOU AND YOURS wherever you are this Easter ! May this glad season fill your heart with renewed hope and comfort, and may you go forward with Christ's love made more real to you.

Gordon D. Savage

When you hear the CHURCH BELLS ringing out their joyful greeting on Easter Day, remember that they are repeating the sincere and WARM WELCOME which this letter brings to you to join in the worship in God's House that day. Our little Church of St. Nicholas, beautifully decorated with spring flowers, will be thronged with worshippers singing the familiar Easter Hymns, and we wish you God's richest blessings as you share with us our Easter joy !

Many of us will enjoy the miracle of Spring in our gardens over Easter. Let it point us to the certainty of the Easter Hope, especially as we think of those no longer with us. And let us remember that Easter had to be preceded by Good Friday: it is through the Way of the Cross that we come to the glory of the Resurrection. God's crucified son is now a living Saviour able to save and to keep to the uttermost ! May we find rich joy as we kneel together in Church in this faith on this great Festival !

GOOD FRIDAY. "When I survey the wondrous Cross"

11 to 11.45: Service and Meditation.

12 to 3: "The Three Hours"- a time of meditation, with short talks at 12.10, 12.35, 1.0, 1.20, 1.45, 2.10, 2.35.  
Come for the whole or part of the time.

All Offerings on Good Friday for the work of the Church Missions to Jews.

(Evening: This year there will be no Service in the evening. Many will wish to see and hear Billy Graham on T.V. at 8 p.m. Those who have no Television may care to know of the public showing in St. Clement's Mission Hall, 57a St. Clement's St at 7.45 p.m. All are welcome.)

EASTER EVEN, April 9: The decoration of the Church will begin at 10 a.m. Gifts of flowers and any help will be very welcome.

EASTER DAY, APRIL 10 - "JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY: ALELUIA !"

8.15 a.m.: THE EASTER COMMUNION (also at 12 & 7.30 p.m.)

(The Prayer Book says that all "shall communicate at the least three times in the year, of which Easter is to be one")

* <u>11 a.m.</u> Morning Prayer	<u>12.00</u>	Holy Communion
* <u>3 p.m.</u> Family Service	<u>4.00</u>	The Easter Baptisms
* <u>6.30pm.</u> Evening Prayer	<u>7.30</u>	Holy Communion

\* These are simple Prayer Book Services for the whole family, each member of which is welcome. At the Family Service at 3 o'clock each child is invited to bring an egg or small gift (to be taken to children in Oxford Hospitals on Easter Monday).

"The Ancient Custom of Easter Offerings" - The Churchwardens wish to intimate that the Collections in Church on Easter Day (together with any sums sent to them by those unable to be present) will be given as a Personal Gift to the Vicar. This does not apply to the Weekly Offering Envelopes

Visitors at Easter: see note overleaf.

VISITORS AT EASTER. The Vicar is specially glad to be introduced to relatives and friends of parishioners, so if you have visitors staying with you over Easter, do bring them to Church with you. If any should be from the Free Churches or abroad, please assure them of a warm welcome to all our Services whilst away from their own.

EASTER TUESDAY, April 12. THE ANNUAL MEETING OF OUR CHURCH, being the Easter Vestry and Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held at the Reading Room, from 7.45 to 9.30 p.m. The formal notice of this has been posted in the Church Porch, together with some important notes about the Elections and the Church accounts for 1954.

ALL WHO HAVE THE WELFARE OF THE CHURCH AT HEART are invited to attend this Annual Meeting at which the Officers of the Church review what has been done and share with you their encouragements and disappointments, as well as their hopes for the future. It is a great encouragement to the Vicar and Wardens when the Annual Meeting is well attended, so please note the date and make an effort to attend.

SUNDAY, APRIL 17 (Summer Time begins). 1st Sunday after Easter.

8.15: Holy Communion 11: Morning Prayer 6.30: Evensong

The Rev. R.C.S. Bailey, M.A., will officiate all day.

No Sunday School this Sunday, but Bible Classes as usual

WED. APRIL 20. The Young Wives' Group at the Reading Room at 7.45. Dr. Elsie Wright: "Teaching Sex to Children" (M.U. also invited)

SUNDAY, APRIL 24 II EASTER 8.15: Holy Communion (M.U. Corp.)

11: Morning Prayer 3: Sunday School 6.30: Evensong

MON., APRIL 25. St. Mark's Day

TUES. APRIL 26. The Mothers' Union at the Reading Room at 2.45. "Guide Dogs for the Blind"

Fete Committee at the Reading Room at 8.30 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 1st. SS. Philip & James. III Easter

8.15: H.C. 11, M.P. 12: H.C. 3: Family Service. 6.30: E.P.

Preacher at 11 a.m.: Rev. H.C. Babb, M.A., Chaplain of Culham.

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CONFIRMATION. The date of this has been changed from April 26 to FRIDAY, MAY 20 at 8 p.m. Please make a note of this date.

CHURCH FETE. Now fixed for SAT. JULY 2. Please keep it free  
BILLY GR. HAM. Relays to Town Hall on April 18, 19, 21, 25, 28, 29, 30  
Meetings in Wembley Stadium, May 14 and May 16 to 21.

OLD AGE PENSIONERS are reminded to apply for their increases. Have you admired the MOTHERS' UNION BANNER, which is now in the Chancel of our Church? Parents are reminded that now is the time to fix up HOLIDAYS IN CAMP (under Canvas or in Hotels) for their children: the Vicar has a number of Prospectuses and will gladly advise. Be sure to support the CUBS in their BOB .. JOB WEEK, 11 to 16 April.

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OVERHEARD NEAR .. TREE

Said the robin to the sparrow, "I should really like to know why these anxious human beings rush about and worry so."  
Said the sparrow to the robin, "Friend, I think that it must be that they have no Heavenly Father such as cares for you and me"

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Jesus said,

"Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall to the ground without your Father ... Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows"

(St. Matthew 10.30)