

# **HODNET *Parish News***



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## EDITORIAL

We have both been fortunate enough to visit either side of the globe since our last editorial and it's now nice to be back home to sunnier weather and to see the first spring flowers. We hope that you too are enjoying this warmer weather.

This photograph was taken in the mid 1950s. Unicorn Court, then Shrewsbury Street Farm, was painted black and white for Queen Victoria's visit to Hodnet. Under the archway was a butcher's shop.

Submitted by Ann Taylor.



To contribute an article, please contact us at [editorhodnetparish@gmail.com](mailto:editorhodnetparish@gmail.com) with any offerings! **Our cut off date for April's issue is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024.**

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April - Open Day - Wollerton Bowls and Social Club

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April - Live Music Night - Marchamley Community Club

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May - Annual Meeting of the Council - 7.30pm - Lyon Hall, Hodnet

## CHURCH CONTACTS

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# THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING



## PARISH OF HODNET

### THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

will be held in St Luke's Church, Hodnet on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024 at 7.30pm.

Churchwarden:

*J M Parker*

or the election of Parochial representatives of the laity as follows:

- To the Parochial Church Council 10 representatives.
- To the Deanery Synod three representatives. For the appointment of Sidesmen and the Independent Examiner or Auditor. For the consideration of:
  - a) A Report on changes in the roll since the annual parochial church meeting;
  - b) An Annual Report of the proceedings of the parochial church council and the activities of the parish generally;
  - c) The Financial Statements of the Council for the year ending on the 31st December immediately preceding the meeting audited or independently examined;
  - d) A Report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church or churches of the parish;
  - e) A Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod and other matters of parochial or general Church interest.

#### NOTES

1. All persons whose names are entered upon the Church Electoral Roll of the parish (and such persons only) are entitled to vote at the election of parochial representatives of the laity.
2. Subject to the provisions of rule 14(3)(c) a person is qualified to be elected a parochial representative of the laity if their name is entered on the church electoral roll of the parish and, unless they are under the age of eighteen years at the date of the election, has been so entered for at least the preceding period of six months;
3. a) the person is an actual communicant which means that they have received Communion according to the use of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with the Church of England at least three times during the twelve months preceding the date of the election and;
- b) the person is sixteen years or upwards and d) the person is not disqualified as referred to in paragraph 3 of these notes.
3. a) A person shall be disqualified from being nominated, chosen or elected from serving as a churchwarden, a member of a parochial church council, a district church council or any synod under these rules if he is disqualified from being a charity trustee under section 178 of the Charities Act 2011 and the disqualification is not for the time being subject to a general waiver by the Charity Commissioners under subsection (4) of that section or to a waiver by them under that subsection in respect of all ecclesiastical charities established for purposes relating to the parish concerned.
  - (aa) A person shall be disqualified from being nominated, chosen or elected or from serving as a churchwarden or member of a parochial church council, a district church council or any synod under these rules if the person is included in a barred list (within the meaning of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006).
  - (ab) A person shall be disqualified from being nominated, chosen or elected or from serving as a churchwarden or member of a parochial church council, a district church council or any synod under these rules if the person has been convicted of an offence mentioned in Schedule 1 to the Children and Young Persons Act 1933.
  - (ac) A person's disqualification under paragraph (ab) may be waived by the bishop of the diocese in question giving the person notice in writing.
  - b) A person shall also be disqualified from being nominated, chosen or elected from serving as a churchwarden or member of a parochial church council if they have been so disqualified from holding office under section 10(6) of the Incumbents (Vacation of Benefice) Measure 1977.
4. Any person whose name is on the electoral roll may be appointed as a sidesman.
5. A resolution is in operation in this parish which provides that any person entitled to vote in the elections of parochial representatives of the laity to the parochial church council or to the deanery synod or to both that council and that synod may make application on the appropriate form to the undersigned for a postal vote. The completed form must be received before the commencement of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

NOTE — In this notice "parish" means an ecclesiastical parish.

*§ "Ecclesiastical charity" has the same meaning as that assigned to that expression in the Local Government Act 1894.*

*¶ This paragraph should be deleted if no resolution for postal voting is in operation in the parish.*

*\*\*Or "Vice Chairman of the Parochial Church Council" as the case may be (see rule 7(3)).*

CHURCH SERVICES

ST LUKE’S CHURCH, HODNET

March

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	11.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Morning Prayer
		- Mothering Sunday
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Morning Prayer with baptism
		- Palm Sunday
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup>	11.00am	Holy Communion

April

Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Morning Prayer
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CHAPEL OF THE EPIPHANY, PELOW

March

Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	Songs of Praise
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Holy Communion

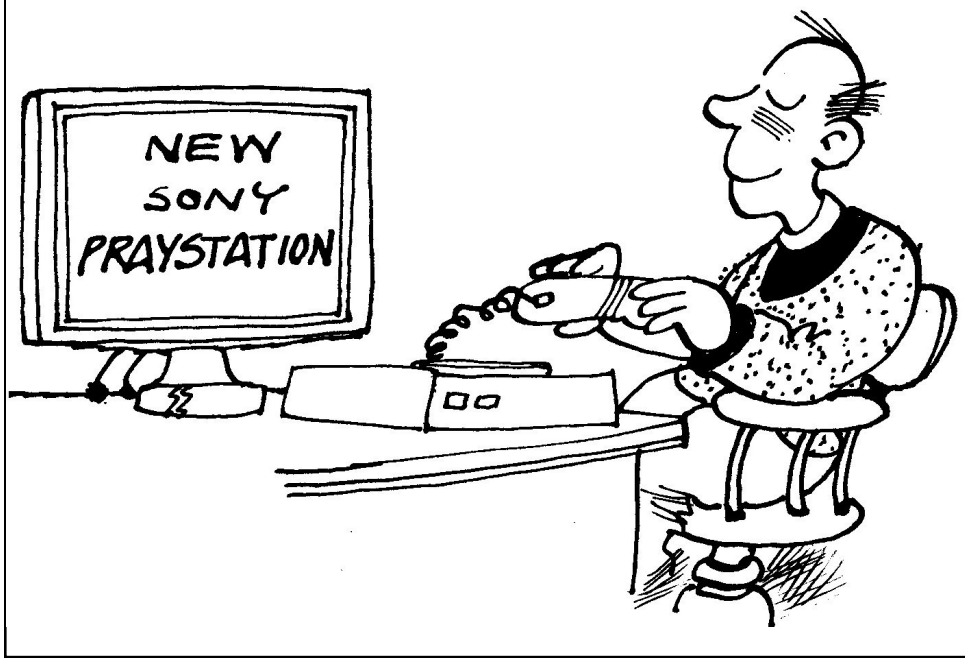
SAINTS’ AND SIGNIFICANT DAYS

3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Cunegund
10 <sup>th</sup> March	Forty Martyrs
	Mothering Sunday
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Patrick
	Joseph of Arimathea
24 <sup>th</sup> March	Catherine of Vadstena
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Maundy Thursday
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Good Friday
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Acacius
	Easter Day





# CHURCH HUMOUR



## EASTER FLOWER ROTA - ST LUKE'S CHURCH

\*\*\*\*\*  
\* We are hoping for a good turnout for \*  
\* the most important day of our \*  
\* Church calendar, Easter Sunday and \*  
\* would love our Church to look its \*  
\* beautiful best. The Church will be \*  
\* open from 10am on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> \*  
\* March so that the windows and \*  
\* pedestals can be transformed! \*  
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\* 31<sup>st</sup> March Sue Lea \*  
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\* Easter Flowers \*  
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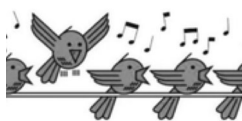
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## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN ST LUKE'S

### Church Choir

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## JOIN THE CHOIR



### Bellringing Practice

Weekly Fridays

7.00pm - 8.00pm.

If you are interested contact Bell Tower Captain John Powell on 01630 685325.

## CRAFT GROUP PERMANENTLY RELOCATING...

Since moving to the warmer and lighter venue, the craft group has increased in size and elected to continue meeting at Wollerton Village Room.

## CHURCHYARD REQUEST

Polite request - would anyone who has placed a Christmas wreath or similar on graves please ensure they are removed as soon as possible as it makes mowing the grass very difficult if they are left in place.

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### Funeral

Entered into eternal rest

Marjorie Tunks

Nigel Trevor Rust



## PRAYER

Lord, protect us on earth. Protect us, that the light of true life may shine more brightly and we may praise your name with our whole heart forever and ever.

Amen

## HODNET FOOTPATH GROUP

'First Tuesday' walk for March will be on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March. This route was planned for last November but was rained off. We will be walking outside the parish, following a circular route starting at Lee Brockhurst. A roman road went from Viroconium (Wroxeter) to Mediolanum (Whitchurch) passing through what is now Lee Brockhurst. Remains of this route are used on this circular walk, taking in sandstone features and some fine views along the way.

It's an easy 5 mile walk along country lanes, woodland tracks and meadow paths which should take about 3 hours. Meet at the Lyon Hall car park in Hodnet at 9.30am where we will car- share and drive to Lee Brockhurst for a 10am start. Everyone is welcome. This is a dog-friendly route although we will have to make a short 100 metre verge walk along the A49. Any queries, please contact Rob Kinsey on 07880 317934.



## HODNET WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



It was lovely to give a warm welcome to some new faces at our February WI meeting. We were lucky to be entertained by Jan from Muckleton Meats who came to give us a talk on life on the farm and all about Muckleton Meats and Nanny Janny's Jersey ice cream. She brought lots of sausages, bacon, meatballs and burgers along for us to purchase along with some delicious ice cream for us to taste.....vanilla, chocolate and ginger were just a small selection of the fabulous all natural flavours she produces.

Jan can be found at farmers markets all over come rain or shine.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March at

the Lyon Hall – 7.30pm when we have our AGM followed by a Beetle Drive. If you fancy coming to see what Hodnet WI is all about please contact either Jane on 07772 729764 or Jeanette on 07958 393721 – a very warm welcome awaits you.

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HODNET SOCIAL CLUB

Prize Bingo - now moved to 8pm on first Wednesday of the month. See their Facebook page or contact Angela Heath on 07815 126101.



Opening Times: Monday - Thursday 7.00pm - 11.00pm  
Friday 6.00pm - midnight  
Saturday 5.00pm - 11.00pm  
Sunday 2.00pm - 7.00pm

PUZZLE PAGE - WORDSEARCH

**Jesus at the gates of Jerusalem** Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, when the Church remembers how Jesus arrived at the gates of Jerusalem just a few days before the Passover was due to be held. He was the Messiah come to His own people in their capital city, and yet He came in humility, riding on a young donkey, not in triumph, riding on a war-horse. As Jesus entered the city, the crowds gave Him a rapturous welcome, throwing palm fronds into His path. They knew His reputation as a healer, and welcomed Him. But sadly, the welcome was short-lived and shallow, for Jerusalem would soon reject her Messiah, and put Him to death.

- Holy
- Palm
- Arrived
- Gates
- Jerusalem
- Passover
- Held
- Messiah
- Own
- People
- City
- Came
- Humility
- Riding
- Young
- Donkey
- Triumph
- Crowds
- Rapturous
- Fronds
- Healer
- Welcomed
- Reject
- Death

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## COOKERY - CHEESY BAKED LEEKS WITH HAM

Our super-easy leek bake, made with ham and a good grating of cheese, makes a wonderful main meal served with crusty bread.

Serves 4      Hands-on Time 15 minutes      Oven Time 30 minutes

### Ingredients:

- 3 leeks (around 500g)
- 180g packet of sliced, cooked ham
- 30g butter
- 30g plain flour
- 150ml dry white wine
- 250ml milk
- 1 tbsp wholegrain mustard
- 75g grated cheddar
- 100g brie, sliced
- 1 tsp chopped fresh thyme leaves, plus a little extra to serve



### Method:

- 1 Heat the oven to 200°C/180°C fan/gas 6. Cut the leeks into 8cm lengths, then wrap each in a piece of ham, cutting to fit and using up all the offcuts. Arrange in the base of a 1.5 litre ovenproof dish.
- 2 Meanwhile, melt the butter in a pan, then stir in the flour and cook over a medium heat for 2-3 minutes. Gradually whisk in the wine and milk. Bring to the boil, then simmer for 3 minutes.
- 3 Stir in the wholegrain mustard, thyme leaves and cheddar until melted, then pour over the leeks. Top with the brie, then bake for 30 minutes until bubbling. Scatter with more thyme and serve with crusty bread.

## HODNET AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

Please come along to our first meeting of the year which will be a social and a chance to catch up after our winter break. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Lyon Hall, Hodnet. Please remember to bring your money to cover your subs which will be agreed at the meeting. If you require any more information about the club, please contact Dave Smither on 01630 685966.





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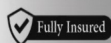
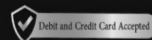
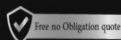
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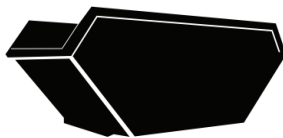
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## WILDLIFE WATCHER

March already! It's one of those things where time seems to play tricks. On one hand it doesn't seem that long since we were toasting in the new year and hoping 2024 would be a good one for us all; yet on the other hand all that seems a long time ago. As you might guess psychologists, scientists and philosophers have plenty to say about time and our relative perceptions of it!

Having got as far as March, we begin to hope winter is over, yet we know there may still be cold and wintry weather to come. Equally we know that March heralds the start of our UK spring, and it depends on which calendar you're using as to the actual date of the first day of spring. Astronomically, spring occurs on the vernal equinox, i.e. the moment when the sun is exactly above the equator, which is the 20<sup>th</sup> March this year. However, there are actually three main definitions for the season, coming from meteorology and phenology as well as astronomy. Meteorologists divide the seasons into three whole months, based on average temperatures, and count March as the first of the spring months: thus 1<sup>st</sup> March is their 'start of spring'.

The third 'start' date is provided by phenology, the study of annual events in nature which are influenced by seasonal changes such as climate and weather, 'Nature's Calendar' which gives this additional 'date'. Scientific studies using Nature's Calendar data reveal how phenology is changing. Trees and plants' spring leaf buds are opening earlier, plants are flowering earlier and a recent study by the Met Office estimated active growth to be, on average, a month longer during the past decade, compared to the period between 1961 and 1990. In a nutshell this data tells us that Spring is 2.5 days earlier every decade. Such changes can affect food chains for plants, insects and birds, and science projects have observed the failure of some birds' nesting seasons, due to being out of sync with the food they need for their young.

So with spring here this month, keep a lookout for nesting birds and your first butterfly of the year. The early butterflies are the ones which have hibernated as adults, such as the peacock, small tortoiseshell, comma and brimstone. The bright yellow of the male brimstone butterfly is certainly a cheery sight to see at any time of year, and whilst some emerge in February, you're more likely to see your first brimstone of the year this month. Whilst the males are bright yellow, the females are a more subtle shade of yellowy-green and may be spotted warming themselves in sheltered sunny spots until they are warm enough to take flight.

Other insects such as bees will also welcome the warmth of a sunny March day to take to the air, seeking early spring flowers, such as primroses and heather, for their nectar. Many of our spring flowers are yellow or white, which insects find attractive and easy-to-see colours. Unlike bees, insects such as flies have limited colour perception so they will be attracted to early flowering dandelions, cowslips, coltsfoot and our native daffodils.

Whatever you're watching, enjoy our wildlife.

'Wildlife Watcher'



## LYON HALL, HODNET EVENTS



**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March** - Lyon Hall Quiz. Teams of four. Cost £5 per person with optional fish and chip supper during the interval. Bring your own drinks (and nibbles if you are not partaking of the fish and chips). 7pm for 7.30pm start. To book a table please contact Glenys on 01630 685661.

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March** - Film Night - One Life - 7.30pm. The story of Nicholas Winton who assisted in the rescue of Jewish children before World War 2.



**Yoga Class** - Every Monday 6.15pm - 7.15pm and 7.30pm - 8.30pm. Please contact Harriet Devaney on 07908 717337.

**Qigong** - Every Tuesday 10am - 11am. Contact Sue on sue@suepics.co.uk.

**Ring craft dog training** - Every Thursday 1pm - 3pm on Thursdays. Contact Anne Mann on 01630 653570 for more information.

**Women's Institute** - Second Thursday of the month 7.30pm. Contact details: hodnetwi@gmail.com or 07772 729764.

**To book the Lyon Hall contact Francis Bennett on 01630 685213.**

## MARCHAMLEY BOOK CLUB

Marchamley Book Club will meet on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in Marchamley Community Club. The book chosen for discussion is:



**'Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow' by Gabrielle Zevin**

*"a decades-long tale of friendship and rivalry, fame and art, betrayal and tragedy, perfect worlds and imperfect ones. And, above all, our need to connect..."*

Do come and join us for the book discussion or just a general chat and a drink. Any new book lovers will be warmly welcomed. We look forward to seeing you!

## MARCHAMLEY COMMUNITY CLUB

We are open every Friday night from 7pm - 11pm. Do drop in for a drink and have a look round - membership is just £3 per year.

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March - Bond 007 Cabaret Evening with live entertainment.** Doors open 7pm. £10pp with complimentary cocktail on arrival. Dress up in style and come and enjoy the cabaret.

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March - Family Beetle Drive.** Doors open 6pm with games starting at 6.30pm. Lots of prizes! £10 per family (£5 for unaccompanied adults). Please note: no unaccompanied children will be admitted.



See our Facebook page: **What's on At Marchamley Community Club.**

## WOLLERTON BOWLS AND SOCIAL CLUB



### Open Days

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024 11am – 3pm**

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2024 11am – 3pm**

Are you interested in giving Crown Green Bowls a try or just interested in coming along to see what the Club has to offer for our Social Members? We are holding open events when you can just turn up and try us out (please wear flat shoes if you wish to bowl). The Club has bowls equipment and qualified coaches available to help get you started. You could also take advantage of our six weeks free trial membership to allow you time to see if you enjoy the game.

For Social Members we have a Bar, Snooker, Pool, Darts, Skittles, as well as a range of Club events such as Quizzes, Games Nights and Race Nights. Equally when the Club is open Members are welcome to come down and just have a quiet drink and a chat.

If you are interested but are unable to make one of our Open Days then give us a call. For an informal chat please give Bob a call on 07906 661520.

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- Weeding
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Bank House Gardens

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## WOLLERTON VILLAGE ROOM NEWS



The **Village Band** will next practise on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 10am - 11.15am**. Still seeking more players. Aged 16+. Any instruments welcome. If you can play a scale, come along! For further information give Paul a call on 01630 638793.

**St Luke's Church Craft Group** will now meet in the Village Room every Wednesday morning 10am - 12 noon. Please do come and join us and enjoy convivial chat and refreshments. Bring your own project or just come for the company.



Our next **Wollerton Wander** will take place on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am** followed by a cuppa and a chat in the Village Room. Please come along and support the group - no booking required. £1 per person.

Our regular **Book Club** meetings are on the **second Tuesday** of the month starting at 7pm in the Village Room. We look forward to discussing *Tin Man* by Sarah Winman on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March** and collecting our next book *Rodham* by Curtis Sittenfeld.



Reading between the wines



**Fingerless gloves knitting workshop** - Our next session will be on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 6.30 - 8.30pm**. £10 including all materials. Registration required [wollertonvr@gmail.com](mailto:wollertonvr@gmail.com). Alternatively come and craft in our friendly social environment - £1. Bring your own project or simply come for the company.

**Hospice Chicks** - what a wonderful local community we belong to! There were over 300 chicks brought into the coffee morning which raised £350. 250+ chicks will fly off to the hospice to be sold for £2 each. Special thanks go to Catherine, Sarah, Jill and Jane for making this happen.



To join our mailing list or book any event pop an email to: [wollertonvr@gmail.com](mailto:wollertonvr@gmail.com)

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## WOLLERTON TENNIS CLUB



How about starting the New Year keeping fit?  
Come down to your local tennis courts at Wollerton

**Annual membership renewal is due next month.**

Please telephone:

Gill on 07814 409268 or Linda on 01630 685432.



# KIDS' CORNER

## Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
Mt 21:12-16, Mk 11:15-18, Lk 19:45-48

When Jesus reached Jerusalem he went to the Temple, built as a place where everyone could worship God, but with restrictions...

Plan of the Temple

200m

Restrictions

- only priests
- only Jewish men
- only Jews
- everyone

Visitors had to change their money to shekels

They had to buy special animals to sacrifice...

and the stalls filled the only place that non-Jews could come to worship God

stalls

stalls

stalls

yet more stalls

even more stalls

The chief priests had no problem with this ...

but it made Jesus very angry...

so he drove them out

This should be a place of prayer but you have made it into a den of thieves \*

\* Isaiah 56:7, Jeremiah 7:11

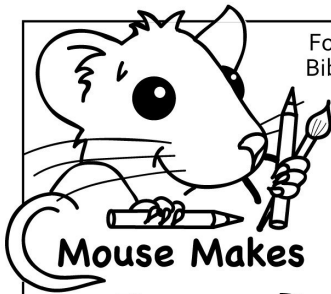
Hosanna!

He is upsetting everything.

We must have him killed

But the crowds love him - we must do it secretly.

MOUSE MAKES




Follow the **Easter story** using the Bible references, then look for the words in the puzzle.

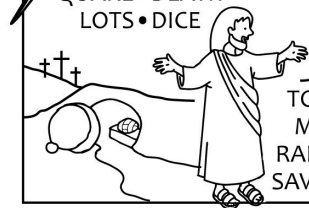
**Into Jerusalem**  
read *Matthew 21:1-11*  
DONKEY • ROAD • COATS  
BRANCHES • PALMS  
KING • HOSANNA



**The Last Supper**  
read  
*Matthew 26:17-30*  
TWELVE DISCIPLES  
PASSOVER  
ROOM • BREAD  
WINE • SON • MAN  
BODY • BLOOD  
CUP • MEAL



**Betrayal and Death**  
read *Matthew 26:36-27:56*  
GETHESEMANE  
PRAY • BETRAY  
KISS • ARREST  
MESSIAH • CHRIST  
SON • ACCUSED  
CRUCIFY • JESUS  
CROWN • THORNS  
ROBE • TREE  
NAILS • CROSS  
DARKNESS  
QUAKE • DEATH  
LOTS • DICE



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A B Y S A V I O U R S D U C  
P R A I S E A S T E R R

**Burial and Resurrection**  
read *Matthew 27:57-28:20*  
TOMB • STONE • LINEN • BODY • BURY • THREE DAYS  
MORNING • MARY • ANGEL • HEAVEN • LORD • GOD  
RAISED • JOY • GO TELL • GOOD NEWS • PEACE • SPIRIT  
SAVIOUR • PRAISE • EASTER • I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS



## SMILE LINES

### Off to the vet

In his younger days our golden retriever Catcher often ran away when he had the chance. The vet's surgery was about a mile down the road, and Catcher would usually go there. The nursing staff knew him and would call me to come pick him up. One day I called the vet to make an appointment for Catcher's yearly vaccine. "Will you bring him," asked the receptionist, "or will he come down on his own?"

### Marriage advice

'I'm in a terrible fix,' moaned Mark. 'I'm in love with both Susie and Maria and I don't know which to marry.'

'No problem,' said Sean. 'I know you're not a Catholic, but call in at St Patrick's on the way home tonight, kneel down and ask God for help.'

Next morning Sean found Mark grinning from ear to ear. 'It worked. It's a miracle,' Mark enthused. 'I walked in, knelt down and there it was written in red across the altar cloth: AVE MARIA! So, I will!'

### So you think English is easy? Read on:

- 1) The bandage was wound around the wound.
- 2) The farm was used to produce produce.
- 3) We must polish the Polish furniture.
- 4) The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
- 5) Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
- 6) A sea bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
- 7) The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
- 8) They were too close to the door to close it.
- 9) After going out after having done some sewing, a sewer fell into a sewer.
- 10) Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.

### Somebody or other

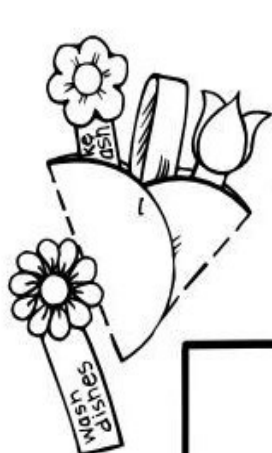
A preacher, who was somewhat "humour impaired," attended a conference to help better equip pastors for their ministry. One conference leader strode boldly up to the pulpit and grabbed the entire crowd's attention by declaring: 'The best years of my life were spent in the arms of a woman who wasn't my wife!' The crowd was shocked. But when he followed it up with: 'and that woman was my mother!' the crowd burst into laughter and gave him their attention for the rest of the talk.

The next week, the pastor decided he'd give this humour thing a try, and use that joke in his sermon. As he climbed into his pulpit that Sunday morning, he tried to rehearse the joke in his head. It suddenly seemed a bit foggy to him. However, getting to the microphone he let rip with gusto: 'I want to tell you all something personal this morning. The greatest years of my life were spent in the arms of a woman who was not my wife!' The congregation inhaled half the air in the room. Stunned silence fell. After standing there for almost 10 seconds, trying to recall the second half of the joke, the pastor finally blurted out, '...but I can't remember who she was!'

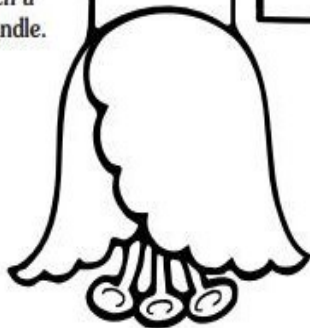
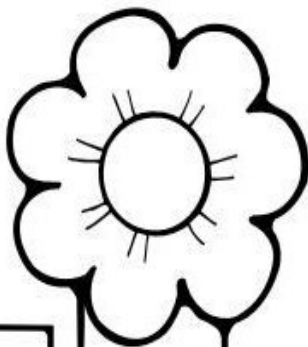
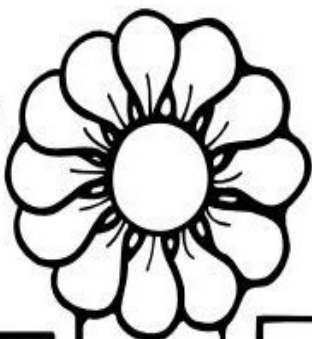
- 1 Bellringing Practice 7 - 8pm - St Luke's Church  
Lyon Hall Quiz with fish and chip supper - 7pm for 7.30pm start - Lyon Hall, Hodnet  
Race Night - 7.30pm - Wollerton Bowls & Social Club
- 2 Village Band - 10am - 11.15am - Wollerton Village Room  
007 Bond Cabaret Evening - Doors open from 7pm - Marchamley Community Club
- 3 Holy Communion - 11.00am - St Luke's Church
- 4
- 5 Hodnet Footpath Group - 9.30am - meet at Lyon Hall car park
- 6 Craft Group 10am - 12 noon - Wollerton Village Room      Wollerton Wander - 10.30am - Wollerton Village Room  
Choir Practice 7 - 8pm - St Luke's Church      Bingo - 8pm - Hodnet Social Club
- 7
- 8 Bellringing Practice 7 - 8pm - St Luke's Church  
Film Night - 7.30pm - Lyon Hall - see page 17 for details
- 9
- 10 Morning Prayer - 11am - St Luke's Church - Mothering Sunday  
Songs of Praise - 6.30pm - Chapel of the Epiphany, Peplow
- 11
- 12 Wollerton Village Room Book Club - 7pm
- 13 Craft Group 10am - 12 noon - Wollerton Village Room  
Mobile Library - 45 Wood Lane 11.10 - 11.40am Bus Stop; Marchamley Bus Stop 11.50 - 12.05pm  
Choir Practice 7 - 8pm - St Luke's Church
- 14 Mobile Library - Castle Hill Layby 10.30 - 10.45am.      Mobile Library - Home Farm, Peplow 1.15 - 1.35pm  
Hodnet WI - 7.30pm - Lyon Hall      Marchamley Book Club - 7.30pm - Marchamley Community Club
- 15 Magazine final submission date      Bellringing Practice 7 - 8pm - St Luke's Church
- 16 Family Beetle Drive - 6.30pm - Marchamley Community Club
- 17 Holy Communion - 11am - St Luke's Church
- 18
- 19 Hodnet and District Garden Club - 7.30pm - Lyon Hall
- 20 Craft Group 10am - 12 noon - Wollerton Village Room  
Choir Practice 7 - 8pm - St Luke's Church
- 21 Annual Parish Meeting Hodnet Parish Council - 7pm- followed by full Council Meeting - Lyon Hall, Hodnet
- 22 Bellringing Practice 7 - 8pm - St Luke's Church
- 23
- 24 Morning Prayer - 11am - St Luke's Church, Hodnet - Palm Sunday  
Holy Communion - 11am - Chapel of the Epiphany, Peplow  
Open Day - 11am - 3pm - Wollerton Bowls and Social Club
- 25 Knitting Workshop - 6.30pm - 8.30pm - Wollerton Village Room
- 26
- 27 Craft Group 10am - 12 noon - Wollerton Village Room  
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Choir Practice 7 - 8pm - St Luke's Church
- 28 Mobile Library - Castle Hill Layby 10.30 - 10.45am.      Mobile Library - Home Farm, Peplow 1.15 - 1.35pm
- 29 Stations of the Cross - 7pm - St Luke's Church, Hodnet
- 30
- 31 Holy Communion - 11am - St Luke's Church, Hodnet - Easter



## CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY

**Mother's Day Basket**

Make a Mother's Day basket by cutting two circles from construction paper. Fold the circles in half and overlap them to form the basket. Glue or staple the basket together and attach a paper handle.



Place these paper flowers inside the basket. On the stems, list chores that you would like to do for Mom on her special day.