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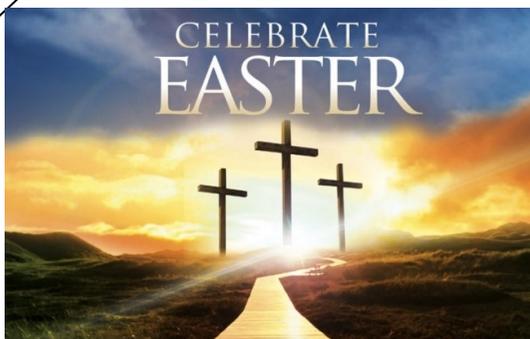
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Our vision in the Whittlewood parishes is to know God better, love others and reach out with the good news of Jesus

LENT

40
days
of Lent



EASTER



THE PARISHES OF
SILVERSTONE, ABTHORPE, SLAPTON
WHITTLEBURY & PAULERSPURY



It feels strange for me, your Parish Priest just now as I am counting down to my Sabbatical, something I have been planning for now for about 3 years. Yet, I am also very conscious that we are moving through the season of Lent towards the joy and celebration of Easter.

Through Lent this year I offer my thanks to Margaret Holland who is hosting a Lent Course on Tuesday afternoons in her home. There is more information about this elsewhere in this publication.



Taizé

I am holding a Taizé style service at 5:30 p.m. on Saturdays in Silverstone at St Michael's Church Rooms, please do join me if you would like too. The service is based around the singing of (or listening too) the chants from the Taizé Community, prayers, a short passage of Scripture and a period of Silence. It lasts about half an hour.

It is good news that this year we are going to have services for Mothering Sunday in each parish and church. Thank you to everyone involved, I do believe that this is an important opportunity for outreach. We do need to advertise, or share amongst our communities that these services are happening!

Indeed, we do a lot of good in these parishes, not least of all, the offering of worship to God, however, we are not really growing and a part of this is possibly due to the fact that we are not getting our message to the communities in which we live and serve. This must be improved and I ask you all to consider how we might do this.

Back to Lent, Holy Week and Easter.

At the end of March we have a 5th Sunday, which means that we come together for a United Benefice Service. On this occasion my wife (The Revd Sue Faulkner) and I are doing a swap. I am going to go to one of her Churches, St James' Church, Northampton, and Sue is going to lead worship here in this Benefice with the service being at 10 a.m. in St Botolph's Church, Slapton. Please do make the effort to travel if you need too, Car Share where possible and worship God on this the 5th Sunday of Lent.

The following week we come together again, this time in Silverstone for our Ecumenical Palm Sunday Service. We began

this format a couple of years ago and it seems to work. The Worship will begin at 10 in the Methodist Chapel in Silverstone for the Liturgy of the Palms, then processing, singing along High Street to St Michael's Church for the Liturgy of the Passion, including the semi dramatic reading of the Passion Gospel and then the Holy Eucharist. We hope to have refreshments in the Church Room following the service too.

Following Palm Sunday we come to Holy Week. This is one of the most important weeks in the year for a Christian, whether or not you have observed Lent. In Holy Week we follow Jesus to His offering of Himself for us on the Cross. In this week we offer the opportunity to worship and be with Christ each day, apart from Holy Saturday, the day he lay in the tomb! Well, I'm even giving up time on my day off to lead worship; it would be great if others were to be with me.

Monday at 9:30 in Silverstone the Holy Eucharist

Tuesday at 9:30 in Paulerspury the Holy Eucharist

Wednesday at 6 in Whittlebury the Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday from 2 the Children's Activity Event in St Michael's Church Room

Also, at 7:30 the Agape Meal and Worship in St Michael's Church Room, we ask people to sign up to indicate they are going to attend this.



Good Friday at 2 in Slapton, the Good Friday Liturgy (followed by Hot Cross Buns)



Easter Day

5:15 a.m. The Dawn Service, Silverstone Churchyard & St Michael's Church

8 a.m. Easter Eucharist in Paulerspury St James'

9 a.m. Easter Praise plus Eucharist by Extension, Whittlebury St Mary

9:15 a.m. Easter Worship in Paulerspury St James'

9:30 a.m. Easter Eucharist in Abthorpe St John the Baptist

10:30 a.m. Easter Praise plus Eucharist by Extension, Silverstone St Michael

11 a.m. Easter Eucharist (traditional language) Slapton St Botolph



I have explained to you the Taizé Service; I think I would like to explain the Agape Meal and Worship for you. This is a simple yet wonderful opportunity to really share with one another and at the same time to live out a little of what Jesus did on that most important of nights. We share a simple repast, soup, bread

and cheeses, and probably a Fruit Salad for desert (this has proven to be popular). We are also celebrating the Eucharist through the time of this meal, recalling that this was the time that our Lord celebrated His Last Supper, instigating the Holy Eucharist that is at the heart of the Churches worship to this day. Yes, there is Holy Scripture, yes, the Rector will share some words with us, and yes, there is washing up to be done. However, following the meal, rather as Jesus took His disciples out to the garden of Gethsemane to watch whilst He prayed so powerfully and yet humbly to His Father, we move to St Michael's Church to watch until 10 p.m., watching in silence and prayer.

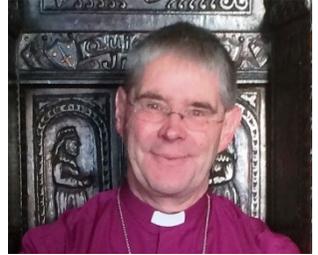
I warmly and enthusiastically invite you to consider joining us for this event. If you cannot get to church to sign up to indicate you would like to attend, simply send me an email!



The new thing this year is that we are not holding a service in the evening of Holy Saturday, rather we are going to gather in St Michael's Churchyard to have a Dawn Service! An early start at 5:15 a.m., I know. In this service we will hear the word of God, we shall mark the Paschal Candle, kindle the Easter Fire and light the Easter (Paschal) Candle and take this into the heart of the church as we take the light of the risen and glorious Lord Jesus into our hearts afresh this year. Please, again, join us if you can. To help out, the plan is that there will be bacon butties for after the service!

‘Saying Yes to Life’ – Lent and Lambeth 2020

This summer, almost 1,000 bishops from all over the world will be gathering in Canterbury for the Lambeth Conference. Some of the bishops, including from our link dioceses in Korea, will be spending a few days beforehand at Launde Abbey with Bishop Donald and myself.



A key theme of the conference will be the global climate emergency that is already impacting the dioceses from which some of the bishops serve. For example, low-lying areas flooded by rising sea-levels and conflict triggered by expanding deserts, forcing people to move and compete for scarce land. Archbishop Justin has recorded a short interview highlighting this aspect of Lambeth 2020.

As we approach the season of Lent I'd like to commend two ways in which we can engage with these important matters from the perspective of our Christian faith:

The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book, *Saying Yes to Life* by Ruth Valerio, is a brilliant exploration of what it means to look after God's world, reflecting on creation themes including light, water, land and seasons alongside environmental concerns. It's full of good stories and great insights. Archbishop Justin says that this book "is perfect for individuals and groups to reflect, pray and be challenged together". Copies are currently available for loan from the Bouverie Court Library.

The Church of England's Lent Campaign, '#LiveLent – Care for God's Creation', has produced challenges for 40 days in adult and children's versions that are available as a pocket-sized booklet, via an app or by email. The aim is to broaden our view of Christ's redeeming mission. The campaign has distributed over 13,000 sample copies – your church may have some. The daily Bible readings, reflections and suggested actions link with Ruth's book. I think both versions are really inspiring and great fun! If you wish to order copies of these books, contact environment@peterborough-diocese.org.uk.

In this diocese, we are aiming to make 2020 a year of greater focus on our stewardship of God's earth as the fifth of the Five Marks of Mission – tell the good news of Jesus; teach the faith; tend for all in his name; transform society in line with Kingdom values; *treasure God's creation*. Throughout 2020, look out for new initiatives from the Diocesan Environmental Team. With my prayers and best wishes for a holy and world-changing Lent.

Yours

+John
Bishop of Brixworth

Bangladesh and The Leprosy Mission

I'm recently back from just over a week in Bangladesh on behalf of The Leprosy Mission. Bangladesh is not an easy place to visit, to live in, or in which to suffer serious illness. It is a place of desperate and extreme poverty.

The people, at least those I met – ranging from the poorest city slum-dwellers and isolated rural people, to senior government officials – were unfailingly polite and courteous, warm and welcoming. The religious tolerance was remarkable for anywhere, not least that region of the world: Bangladesh is 90+% Muslim, but Hindus and Christians were fully accepted and respected.



Bishop Donald at a 'pop-up' skin clinic in Dhaka

The climate is quite extreme, with a long hot rainy season bringing flooding, increasing year on year, and a very dry cooler winter, but not quite cold enough to kill off the ubiquitous mosquitos. (I was fortunate to share my very basic guest house room – and even my bed – with a small family of geckos: they don't hurt people, but they do eat mozzies.) The river delta in the south, where millions live, is at serious risk of being submerged if sea levels rise.

Leprosy has been fully curable, if caught in the early stages, since the early 1980s. A simple drug treatment, provided free to patients by the manufacturers Novartis, and distributed by the World Health Organisation, does the trick. The problems lie in catching it early (really difficult when there is not much fear of it and ignorance of the cure), in treating the horrible complications of the more advanced cases, and in overcoming the stigma attached to those affected by leprosy. There are still 4,000 new cases diagnosed in Bangladesh every year, and one every two seconds across the poorest areas of the world.

That is where The Leprosy Mission comes in. It was so impressive to see their doctors, researchers, nurses (all Bangladeshi but funded mainly from this country) and a growing number of volunteer workers doing such a wonderful and sacrificial job. I had the privilege of preaching three times to very different groups, as well as of meeting all sorts of people. I know that our interest and support are succeeding in getting the Bangladeshi government,

and the churches there, more involved in the great and achievable aim of eradicating leprosy in their country.

Please pray for Bangladesh, and for The Leprosy Mission.

With best wishes

+ Donald

+Donald
Bishop of Peterborough

Meet St Treasa – the newest member of St Nicholas Potterspurpy!

An issue with a problematic tree at St Nicholas Potterspurpy has been solved – by carving it into a beautiful statue.

The 70 foot leylandii tree had been a fixture on the church green for over 30 years, but according to Andrew Stockton, who sits on the PCC at St Nicholas, the fast-growing shrub was starting to cause some problems with the neighbours.

“We had to remove the tree as it was causing issues with the property of one of our neighbours – dropping needles into gutterings, along with the roots, which undermined part of their wall.”

It was a decision that “all church members were fine with” but the question remained of what to do with the tree once it was felled. Inspiration would come from north of the border.

“I did see a couple of years ago the wonderful stone carving in the quadrant in the church on Iona,” said Andrew. “This image is thought of as the Holy Spirit in feminine form, and proved to be my inspiration behind the commission for the carving.”



A local carver, Jason Fryers, undertook the venture, working to a very specific brief from Andrew.

“The image came from yours truly and we spoke at length about what we were looking for,” said Andrew. “I wanted a semi-female form which could be thought of as a carved image of the tree’s spirit and also the spirit in all creation.”

“The image is one to bring a degree of the feminine into church – we are somewhat male-dominated as a religion and throughout our theology.”

The costs of the carving were covered by the church’s neighbours and Andrew himself, and after five days it was completed – suddenly appearing on the church green.

“As a church we have deliberately kept quiet about the carving’s conception,” said Andrew. “This adds to a degree of mystery around our new lady. I have christened her St Treesa!

“There has been a great deal of conversation centred around the carving’s sudden appearance. It has been very well received by church members and the wider community, with lots of positive comments and likes on the village Facebook site.”

It is hoped that this renewed connection with the residents of Potterspury will continue due to the interest in St Treesa.

“The carving will stay outdoors but we may use it in some of our fringe church services, which are very Celtic Church orientated,” explained Andrew. “This may help generate interest not only in the fringe, but in the main body of church activities and services.

“We really hope the carving will aid us in our ‘reach out’ programme, and in some way inspires our village community to revisit St Nicholas and to reconnect with the church.”



*Jason Fryers and Andrew Stockton
with St Treesa*

The Parishes of Silverstone and Abthorpe with Slapton and Whittlebury with Paulerspury



MAUNDY *Thursday*

The Whittlewood Benefice invites primary aged children to....

Join us

for an afternoon of fun on Thursday 9th April
At St Michael's Church Rooms, Silverstone, NN12

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2:00pm to 4:00pm

The afternoon will include a Bible story, crafts,
and other activities

Please let us know of any allergies or other needs in
advance

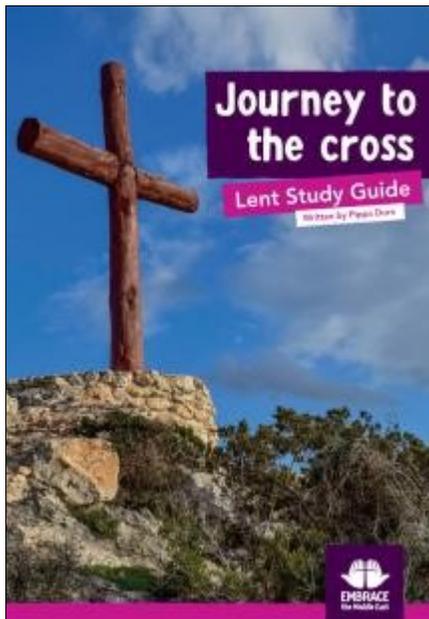
For further information and to book your place please con-
tact:

Lesley Dale (dalel@denbigh.net) 07741460633 or
Clare Ray (clareray1@gmail.com)

An offer from Margaret Holland for Lent 2020.

Margaret has said that she is going to run a Lent Course in 2020 on Tuesday afternoon from 2 p.m. The course has been written by the charity, Embrace the Middle East and is on the theme 'Journey to the Cross'; the six sessions cover the themes of

- Celebrating family,
- Healing.
- Breaking down social barriers,
- Speaking our about injustice
- Mental health
- Forgiveness



Margaret wrote in her message to me 'Others from the benefice etc. are welcome to join in as well'.

Make contact through the Rector if you are interested in attending.

Margaret is continuing with her Bible Study on Tuesday's too, at the same time as the proposed Lent Course at her home in Silverstone. At the moment they are studying Psalms, the study book being called 'psalms of restoration and renewal', which is proving to be very interesting!



Thursday morning's in St Michael's Church, Silverstone. 9:30 a.m. we have a weekly, weekday service of the Holy Eucharist. Please do join us to worship God, hear

God's Holy Word, share in prayer and receive the life strengthening, soul inspiring wonder of the Sacrament, the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ according to His commandment.



We are glad to report that your local Foodbank is in excellent shape. We were overwhelmed by the generosity in response to our Christmas food appeal, and also by the number of people offering to volunteer with us. Thanks to your generosity we were able to meet the need for food at Christmas and have a well-stocked warehouse for the rest of the winter. Thank You.

Complaining about young folk is a fairly standard hobby of the older generation: “they’re always glued to their phones; addicted to technology and dreadful computer games; and ruining language through text speak – how was I to know WTF didn’t mean Well That’s Fantastic?”. Well I’m feeling rather humbled by what I’m hearing about young people at the moment. They seem really prepared to stand up and be counted and to follow their principles, and our local young people are no exception.

Many schools and churches have collections over Harvest which is a great boost to our stocks in the build up to the winter months and the children are always so enthusiastic. “I gave a tin of tomatoes and some pasta, so then someone can make tomato pasta which is my favourite!”.

In September we had a wonderful donation from two young ladies in Silverstone who raised £260 and then spent it in Tesco’s putting all their shopping in our collection bin. So not only did we benefit from their generosity, but also from the top-up Tesco gives us based on the amount collected in their collection bin.

During advent we heard of several children who did a “reverse Advent calendar”. Rather than enjoying a daily chocolate or gift from their Advent calendar, they decided instead to put aside an item each day for the Foodbank. Such generosity from those so young is truly heart-warming. Thank you all so much. Supporting the Foodbank is a great way of becoming involved in your local community.

St John the Baptist Church, Abthorpe : News



Christmas seems a long time ago now with all the problems which have been happening in the world. We did have a wonderful celebration here in Abthorpe and the church was full for our Christingle and Carol Service. It was a bit quieter on Christmas Day, but it was a lovely service.

2020 had started off quietly, but we know it will be a busy year – we have 3 weddings to look forward to for a start! What we could not predict was the storm Ciara causing a large piece of one of our trees breaking off on Sunday 9th February. Thankfully nobody was injured and our resident tree surgeon has dealt with the large amount of debris. The rest of the tree will have to come down at some point.

VE75 Celebrations! The PCC is part of the planning team for a weekend celebrating the 75th Anniversary of WWII. It is very much a joint community event held over the three days of the early bank holiday 8th-10th May. All proceeds will go to SSAFA.

Open Gardens: We are also organising this in the village on June 28th. There will be several gardens, hopefully all looking their best, to walk round. Refreshments will be available, so put the date in your diary and we will have more details soon!

Tea and Piece: Our afternoon teas will be starting once the weather gets a bit warmer. These events are a lovely opportunity to come to the church, have a cup of tea and piece of homemade cake and catch up with everyone or meet new people. They are held on the 3rd Sunday of the month from 3pm to 4.30pm and the first few dates are: 19th April, 17th May and 21st June. We found last year, we had quite a few requests from people for a slice of cake to take home – either for people to have later or to give to someone else. Providing we have sufficient cake, we are more than happy to do this. It would be very helpful if people could bring a container along to save your cake getting squashed!

Tote winners: Recent tote winners have been Bet Rush in December who won £200 and Clive and Sherilyn Fielding in January who won £192.50. The same amount each month goes towards the fabric of the church. Congratulations to all winners and

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thank you to everyone who takes part. Money raised by the Tote goes towards the fabric of the church.

Food Bank: In 2019, People from Abthorpe village donated 226.7kg of food to Towcester Food Bank via the box in the back of church and a further 32.2kg has been donated this year. That is amazing and thank you to everyone who has given food to this worthy cause. Another villager has taken over from John and we really appreciate his help with this.

Spring Clean: Our Spring Clean this year will be held on Saturday 28th March 10am to noon. All are welcome to help with cleaning the church or tidying the churchyard. There will be refreshments too!

Barbara Malcomson

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St Michael's Church, Silverstone : News

We now have 2 new English Oak collection plates in use at Church Services. They were made by village resident Mr John Johnson, wood turner. The oak John selected came from Geddington in the north of the County.

As the crocus flowers alongside the path leading to the main door of our Church are rather sparse this year we will be purchasing more bulbs which Jimmy Adams has kindly volunteered to plant.

The Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, 19th March at 7.30 p.m. in the Church. Copies of the 2019 Reports from the Parochial Church Council have been distributed to all on the Electoral Roll. If you are able we would encourage you to attend this meeting.

Lent Soup Lunches will commence in March for 5 weeks – Mondays 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th- 12 noon to 1.30 p.m. in the Church Rooms – suggested donation £6.00. Good quality second hand books are welcomed.

Melanie's popular 'Saturday Coffee and Cake mornings' are continuing. Dates for your diaries are 21st March and 18th April – 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Church Rooms.

We have arranged a 'Spring Clean for the Church' on Friday 20th March at 10 a.m. Please come along if you are able to help - 'many hands make light work'. Tea/coffee and biscuits/cake will be provided!

Those who attend T@4 are delighted to support the 'Toilet Twinning' Charity. We have provided 2 Toilets to date and are now in the process of funding a 3rd.

Looking further ahead more dates for your diaries :- Carolyn Lovell is again making arrangements for a 'Moveable Feast', this will be on the evening of Friday 19th June. We thank her in advance for all the time and planning she puts into this very sociable event.

Anne is busy finalising plans for our Annual Raffle. Tickets will be distributed for us all to sell. The Silverstone Gardening Club are organising 'Open Gardens' in the village on Sunday 28th June, and Heather and her 'team' will be serving Cream Teas in the Church Rooms during the afternoon. As in previous years the Raffle will be drawn during the afternoon.

Judith Paybody

St James' the Great, Paulerspury : News



Well the New Year has certainly come in with a blast as our poor church roof testifies. We may be down a few roof slates, but we were very excited to welcome the addition of a new Pascal Candle Stand. This was lovingly carved and created by Len Goff and paid for by the Paulerspury Players. We would like to thank both the Players for their generosity and Len for crafting an item of real beauty, I am sure this will be treasured for generations to come.



We would also like to thank everyone who came to the Church Quiz and ploughman's supper on the last day of February [Leap Day]. Nigel Blackwell did a sterling job composing the quiz. Thank you Nigel and everyone who helped with the food. It was a great evening and enjoyed by all.

In the week before this we had the wonder of the pancakes in St James' Church; these were cooked on new hot plates on Shrove Tuesday. Many people came and all seemed to enjoy the occasion.

On Ash Wednesday evening we had a special service that continued the

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run of Healing Services, with special prayer for Healing, the Laying on of Hands [the hands of the priest but representing those of Jesus] and the sacrament of Anointing with Holy Oil blessed for this purpose by the Bishop on Maundy Thursday last year. As this was Ash Wednesday we also all received the imposition of Ashes on our Foreheads, marking the beginning of the season of Penitence and Self Reflection that is Lent.

On Palm Sunday we are invited to join with others across the Benefice for the Liturgy of Palms, the Liturgy of the Passion, the Semi Dramatic Reading of the Passion of our Lord according to St Matthew as well as the Holy Eucharist, all starts at 10 a.m. in Silverstone Methodist Chapel.

We look forward to the celebration of Easter after we have journeyed through Lent. Here in St James' Church we will have a fairly early start, with an 8 a.m. celebration of Holy Eucharist for Easter. At 9:15 there will be another opportunity to celebrate the Resurrection with a Praise Service that Lesley Dale, our Churchwarden and Reader in Training will be leading. Do make the effort to come along for this and all our other services.



St Botolphs Church, Slapton : News

Our 11 a.m. Christmas morning service remains very popular with nearly 100 people crammed in, which lead to a great atmosphere. The lesson was read BEAUTIFULLY by Archie Forsyth. He was just too late to be included in the Carol

Service readings. Competition is hot and you have to accept quickly! The proceeds from the carol singing went to Silverline.

Dates for your Diary:

Slapton gardens will be open for the National Garden Scheme on June 21st. Delicious teas will be sold in aid of St. Botolph's and I think they will be at my house, Sowbrook House, conveniently in the middle of the village. I hope the teas will distract people from looking too hard at the garden and please do come along.

Our fete will be on July 4th in front of the church as usual.



St Mary's Church, Whittlebury : News

Church Cleaning will be on Monday 9th March and Monday *6th April at 2pm.

We had a very successful Carol singing round the village and thanks to their generosity we raised £500 for the Children's Society. Thanks to David

and Virginia Odell and Lyn Boyes for their hospitality on the two evenings. Sybil

On Monday the 17th January Whittlebury Primary school came to the church for their Christingle service, they were joined by parents and friends. They were welcomed by Reverend Paul. The children did readings and sang some delightful songs ending with Away in a Manger holding their Christingle Candles with the church lights turned off.

The service ended with a prayer said by Reverend Paul. It was a lovely service. Sue

Please join us on Saturday 25th April 10 – 12pm in St Mary's Church for our Annual Coffee Morning. This is the first of our fundraising events and all monies raised will go to the upkeep of our beautiful church. Come along and sample our delicious cakes etc. whilst chatting with friends and villagers. Everyone will be made most welcome. Cheryl

*NB Cleaning will take place a week early in readiness for Easter.

Seeking God's presence. 'Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.'

Psalm 105.4

On Tuesday Feb 25th Margaret Holland started hosting a Lent Course of 6 sessions on Tuesday afternoons from 2pm - 3.30pm.

The overall title is 'Journey to the Cross' and the 6 different sessions are: A journey that celebrated family, A journey that brought healing, A journey that crossed social barriers; A journey that spoke out, A journey that experienced anguish and A journey that forgave.

All welcome.

Bible Readings for Sunday Service: March, April, May, June & July 2020

1st March	The First Sunday of Lent	
	Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7 : Psalm 32	
	Romans 5.12-19 : Matthew 4.1-11	Purple
8th March	The Second Sunday of Lent	
	Genesis 12.1-4a : Psalm 121	
	Romans 4.1-5,13-17 : John 3.1-17	Purple
15th March	The Third Sunday of Lent	
	Exodus 17.1-7 : Psalm 95	
	Romans 5.1-11 : John 4.5-42	Purple
22nd March	Mothering Sunday	
	Exodus 2.1-10 or 1 Samuel 1.20-28	
	Psalm 34.11-20 or Psalm 127.1-4	
	2 Corinthians 1.3-7 or Colossians 3.12-17	
	Luke 2.33-35 or John 19.25-27	Purple
29th March	The Fifth Sunday of Lent - Passion Sunday	
	Ezekiel 37.1-14 : Psalm 130	
	Romans 8.6-11 : John 11.1-45	Purple
5th April	Palm Sunday	
	Liturgy of the Palms: Matthew 21.1-11 Psalm 118.1-2,19-29*	
	Liturgy of the Passion: Isaiah 50.4-9a Psalm 31.9-16*	
	Philippians 2.5-11 : Matthew 26.14 – 27.66	RED
12th April	Easter Sunday	
	Acts 10.34-43 or Jeremiah 31.1-6 : Psalm 118.1-2,14-24*	
	Colossians 3.1-4 or Acts 10.34-43	
	John 20.1-18 or Matthew 28.1-10	White/Gold
19th April	The Second Sunday of Easter	
	Acts 2.14a,22-32 : Psalm 16	
	1 Peter 1.3-9 : John 20.19-31	White
26th April	The Third Sunday of Easter	
	Acts 2.14a,36-41 : Psalm 116.1-3,10-17*	
	1 Peter 1.17-23 : Luke 24.13-35	White
3rd May	The Fourth Sunday of Easter	
	Acts 2.42-47 : Psalm 23	
	1 Peter 2.19-25 : John 10.1-10	White
10th May	The Fifth Sunday of Easter	
	Acts 7.55-60 : Psalm 31.1-5,15-16*	
	1 Peter 2.2-10 : John 14.1-14	White
17th May	The Sixth Sunday of Easter	
	Acts 17.22-31 : Psalm 66.7-18	
	1 Peter 3.13-22 : John 14.15-21	White
THURSDAY 21st May	The day of the Ascension	
	Acts 1.1-11 or Daniel 7.9-14 : Psalm 47 or Psalm 93	
	Ephesians 1.15-23 or Acts 1.1-11: Luke 24.44-53	White
24th May	The Seventh Sunday of Easter	
	Acts 1.6-14 : Psalm 68.1-10,32-35*	
	1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11 : John 17.1-11	White

31st May	PENTECOST Acts 2.1-21 or Numbers 11.24-30 : Psalm 104.26-36,37b* 1 Corinthians 12.3b-13 or Acts 2.1-21 John 20.19-23 or John 7.37-39	RED
7th June	TRINITY SUNDAY Isaiah 40.12-17,27-31 : Psalm 8 2 Corinthians 13.11-13 : Matthew 28.16-20	White
14th June	The First Sunday after Trinity Genesis 18.1-15 [21.1-7] : Psalm 116.1,10-17* Romans 5.1-8 : Matthew 9.35 – 10.8 [9-23]	Green
21st June	St Botolph Proverbs 10: 27 – end OR Philipians 3: 7 – 14 Matthew 9: 35 – end	White
28th June	Birth of John the Baptist Isaiah 40.1-11 : Psalm 85.7-13 Acts 13.14b-26 or Galatians 3.23-29 : Luke 1.57-66,80	RED
5th July	The Fourth Sunday after Trinity Genesis 24.34-38,42-49, 58-67 : Psalm 45.10-17 Romans 7.15-25a : Matthew 11.16-19,25-30	Green
12th July	The Fifth Sunday after Trinity Genesis 25.19-34 : Psalm 119.105-112 Romans 8.1-11 : Matthew 13.1-9,18-23	Green
19th July	The Sixth Sunday after Trinity Genesis 28.10-19a : Psalm 139.1-11,23,24* Romans 8.12-25 : Matthew 13.24-30,36-43	Green
26th July	St James' the Great Jeremiah 45.1-5 : Psalm 126 Acts 11.27 – 12.2 : Matthew 20.20-28	RED

APRIL, MAY, JUNE & JULY in The Whittlewood Benefice

Revd Paul is going to be away on Sabbatical from 19th April 2020 until 21st July 2020.

During this time services will continue thanks to the help of The Venerable David Painter for one Sunday and then The Revd Sue Stanley for the rest of the Sunday's. Sue will also be taking Thursday morning services and the Healing Eucharist Services once a month.

Enquiries about weddings or Baptism's will be dealt with when Paul returns from his Sabbatical.

Any Funerals that come in through this time will go to our Reader, Clare Ray in the first place who will then sort out a minister to take the service.

For newsletter items, please contact Judith Paybody in Silverstone at her email address judith.paybody@gmail.com or by telephone at 01327 858667.

Thank you to everyone who will be stepping in to help in this time.

Sunday Services for January/February 2020

	01/03/2020 Lent 1	08/03/2020 Lent 2	15/03/2020 Lent 3	22/03/2020 Mothering Sunday	29/03/2020 Lent 5
Silverstone	Holy Eucharist 10 a.m.	T @ 4		Combined Worship [Chapel] 10 a.m. Evensong 6 p.m.	United Benefice Service St Botolph's Church Slapton 10 a.m. Service taken be the Rector's Wife Revd Sue Faulkner
Abthorpe		Holy Eucharist 11 a.m.	Holy Eucharist 9:15 a.m.	Mothering Sunday Worship 11 a.m.	
Slapton	Evening Prayer 5 p.m.			Holy Eucharist 11 a.m.	
Whittlebury		Morning Worship 11 a.m.	Holy Eucharist 10 a.m.	Holy Eucharist 9:15 a.m.	
Paulerspury	Family Service 9:15 a.m.	Holy Eucharist @ 9:15	Evening Prayer 6 p.m.	Mothering Sunday Worship 9:15 a.m.	
	05/04/2020 Palm Sunday	12/04/2020 Easter Sunday	19/04/2020 Easter 2	26/04/2020 Easter 3	
Silverstone	United Benefice Palm Sunday Service 10 a.m. Silverstone + Methodist To include a Procession, The Eucharist and The Passion Reading	Dawn Service 5:15 a.m. Easter Praise 10:30 a.m.		Combined Worship [Chapel] 10 a.m. Carol Service 4 p.m.	
Abthorpe		Easter Eucharist 9:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist 9:15 a.m.		
Slapton		Easter Eucharist 11 a.m.		Holy Eucharist 11 a.m.	
Whittlebury		Easter Praise 9 a.m.	Holy Eucharist 11 a.m.	Holy Eucharist 9:15 a.m.	
Paulerspury		Easter Eucharist 8 a.m. Easter Worship 9:15 a.m.	Evening Prayer 6 p.m.	Matins 9:15 a.m.	

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