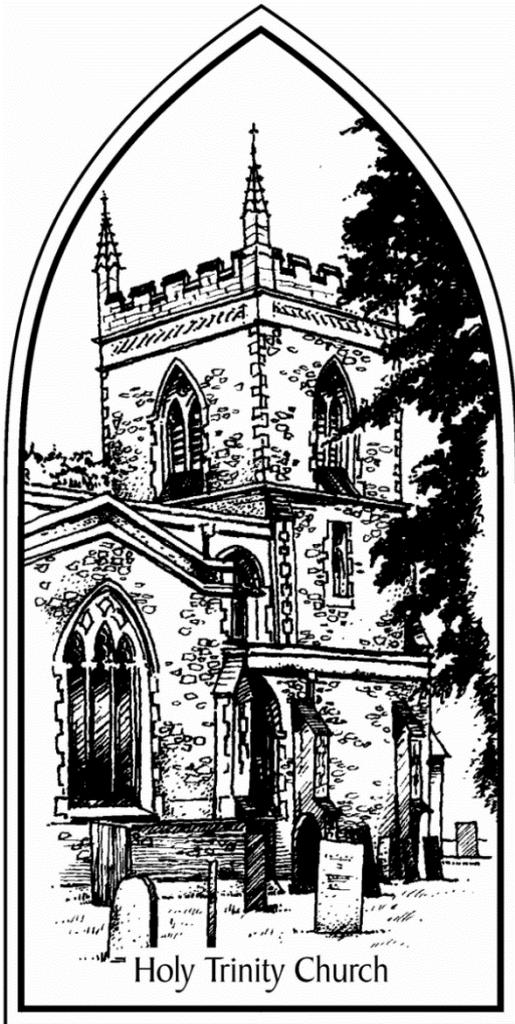
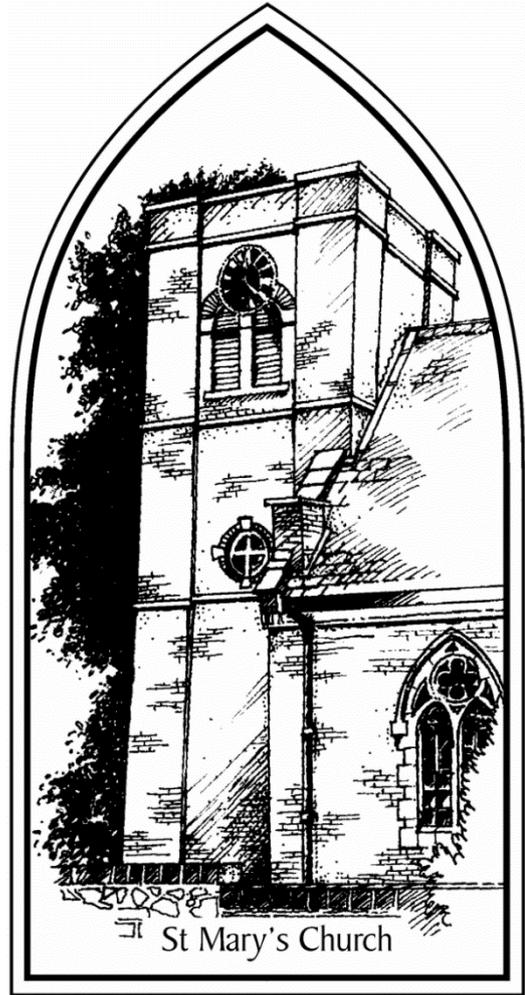


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EASTER IN OUR CHURCHES

I have aimed to get the April magazines out to our subscribers by Palm Sunday at the start of Holy Week so as to remind you of the services on offer in the run-up to Easter, the most important festival of the Christian year, celebrating, as it does, the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Here is some information about our services. That on Palm Sunday is somewhat different from other Holy Communion services – there is no sermon but instead, the story of Holy Week, beginning with Palm Sunday and ending on Good Friday, is read by a group of people from one of the gospels, with one person reading the words of Jesus, another the narration and the remainder those words spoken (or shouted) by Peter, Pilate, the crowd of onlookers etc.

The 6pm Complines at Holy Trinity between Monday and Wednesday, are short evening prayer services, which include another opportunity to hear the story of Holy Week split into daily sections. This narration continues at St. Andrew's Church Prestwold (7.30) on Maundy Thursday and features the account of Jesus washing the disciples' feet in the upper room where the Last Supper (the model for our Holy Communion) was celebrated before Jesus was arrested.

Our annual Good Friday event for parents and children (as well as any adults who would like to join in) will take place between 10.30 and 12 (see later advert). Starting at 12 noon is the Churches Together in Barrow Good Friday service at Barrow Methodist Church. This is followed by lunch (also at the Methodist Church), the culmination of our Lent Lunch programme. Back in Holy Trinity at 6pm we have 'Stations of the Cross', an opportunity to contemplate the journey of Jesus as he carried his cross to the crucifixion site.

An important service takes place at 7.30pm on the evening before Easter Day. This service celebrates Jesus' resurrection with Jesus as the Light of the World, represented by a fire outside the entrance to Holy Trinity where the service begins. Anglican churches always celebrate Easter Sunday with a new Paschal Candle which is used throughout the following twelve months, and those for the four churches of the Barrow and Wolds Group are lit from the fire. The service then continues inside the church. The service is called the

Easter Vigil but this doesn't mean that people spend all night in church! The service is no longer than ones on a normal Sunday. The following day we have our Easter Sunday Communion services – 8.30am at St. Mary's, Walton and 10.30am at Holy Trinity. Do try to join us whenever you can for the events above. May you all enjoy a joyous Easter. *For a summary see p.13 (3 pages from the back)*

APRIL IN OUR CHURCHES

Starting on Easter Sunday the Church enters the fifty days of Eastertide which carry us through to the feast of Pentecost (Whit Sunday).

Our April Sunday services begin with a Group Holy Communion service at St. Mary's Church, Wymeswold to celebrate the church's Patronal Festival.

Services at Holy Trinity, Barrow

April 7th – 10.30am St. Mary's Church, Wymeswold,

Patronal Festival, Group Holy Communion

April 14th – 10.30am Holy Communion

April 21st - 10.30am Holy Communion

6.00pm Healing Service

April 28th - 10.30am Holy Communion

Wednesdays – 10am Morning Prayer (3rd/17th)

Wednesdays - 10am Holy Communion (10th/24th)

There are no services at St. Mary's, Walton during April.

Readers of this magazine from both Barrow and Walton will be welcome at any of the services listed above.

April events: see adverts within this magazine for two special events:

Fish, Chips and Bingo in Trinity Rooms at 6.45 on Saturday April 20th.

A concert featuring Vivaldi's 'Gloria' at St. Mary's, Wymeswold on Sunday April 21st at 7pm.

Pastoral Letter

It was a difficult conversation. In no uncertain terms I was being roundly admonished by my youngest daughter for being a Baby Boomer, that post-war generation who, in her words, had had all the advantages and was leaving the next generation to clear up all the mess, if there's still time, on our exploited planet. I could hardly answer back, except with the lame excuse that if we had known then what we know now, we might have done things differently. She's doing her bit – she works, indirectly, for the WHO (the World Health Organisation). Yet it was her older sister, my second daughter, a Senior Sister in the Northern Ireland Health Service, who reminded me that it is World Health Day on April 7th. Then on the 22nd of April it is World Earth Day, reachable at earthday.org. For over half my life this has been “a thing”; but I've only just discovered this largest of civic events in the world, that began in 1970. The theme this year is “*Planet vs. Plastics*”, an important way of grounding who we are, and what we believe, into what we do.

I have also recently discovered the work of Thomas Berry, a Roman Catholic priest who eventually described himself as a “geologian” – here's a line of his (the first of his Twelve Principles of the Universe) that will explain that title: “The universe, the solar system, and planet Earth in themselves and in their evolutionary emergence constitute for the human community the primary revelation of that ultimate mystery whence all things emerge into being.” Of course it's not original (Berry built upon the work of Teilhard de Chardin), back further is the life and work of St. Francis and further back still we read this from St. Paul: “For what can be known about God is plain to (everyone), because God has shown it to them. Ever since the creation of the world his eternal power and divine nature, invisible though they are, have been understood and seen through the things he has made.”

Nowadays, we have other “prophets”, like Sir David Attenborough and Professor Brian Cox, whom I quoted recently when writing to our MP Jane Hunt, “Prof. Brian Cox has suggested that our solar system has another 7 billion years of natural life left. Wouldn't it be a tragedy to deprive our grandchildren of theirs, just for exploiting fossil fuels by which a few get richer?” When are we going to learn the salutary lesson that Homo sapiens is the only species the

earth can do without? **Except.....how can God rejoice in the creation unless we are there to share it?**

I don't think it is too strong to say that "the world" will not hear the message of how much God loves it, until that dying world sees God's people taking the lead in promoting 'health' and 'wealth' in their true meanings. In the New Testament the words "to heal" and "to save" have the same root, and "wealth" really means "well-being", not "getting more and more money. " Pope Francis in 'Laudate Sii' wrote: "To the powerful, I can only repeat this question: 'What would induce anyone, at this stage, to hold on to power, only to be remembered for their inability to take action when it was urgent and necessary to do so'?"

These Church Magazine or Church Link "letters" are not written for mild entertainment – time is too short for that! So here are three challenges for this month:

1. By April 7th send a message of support to anyone you know who works in the NHS, and/or start supporting a charity that promotes the **National Health Service**;
2. For April 22nd reduce our use of plastics wherever possible and take to a supermarket any plastics that can't be recycled from curbside collections;
3. By the time we next have an ecumenical gathering amongst our churches, learn The Prayer of St. Francis as a song (written by Damian Lundy), 'Laudato sii, O mi Signore' (*Praise be to you, my Lord*)

The fifth verse is this:

Praise to you, our God and Father,
praise and thanks to you, Lord Jesus,
praise to you, most Holy Spirit,
life and joy of all creation,
Laudato sii, O mi Signore

Rev'd. Simon Richards,
Retired priest in the Barrow and Wolds Benefice

Community Cafe in Trinity Rooms every Saturday 10 until 12



‘Raise a Ribbon for Her’ - I hope you saw the ribbons flying from the church tower during the week following Mothering Sunday. Because of the forecast of rain on the day itself with the added risks of slipping for members of our ‘tower team,’ the ribbons were released on the previous evening and, with the four tower turrets floodlit in the colours of the ribbons themselves, looked even more spectacular than in previous years. The breezes we’ve all noticed over these past weeks also added to the show.

The ribbons bore the names of 920 ladies all connected closely with the name providers – a new record total! These names arrived courtesy of the forms in the magazines, social media, emails to the benefice office, the Conservative Club, the children of Hall Orchard School and people who came to the Community Café on two Saturdays to write their relatives’ names on the ribbons themselves.

Our thanks go to all who supplied names – you make those of us involved in organising the event feel that our efforts are appreciated.

A sizeable congregation gathered for the Mothering Sunday service at which Rev. Clive used objects like cotton wool and a brick to illustrate different aspects of a mother’s love and the Bible story of the mother of the baby we know as Moses going as far as to place him in a basket in the River Nile in the hope of saving his life. A hundred bunches of daffodils were distributed at the service or afterwards to other ladies in the community.

We are grateful for all the donations to the church; including the offering at the service just over £1000 was raised.



Photo: Jez Bowman, who heads the RaR team, releases the ribbons.

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LENT LUNCHESES – As I write this, five of the six Lent Lunches have been held in Trinity Rooms. The attendances have been very pleasing and everyone seems to have enjoyed the lunches and conversation. So far, donations to Baca, the Loughborough charity that supports young refugees after their



arrival in the UK, amount to £630. If you receive your magazine by Friday 22nd, do come and join us (12.30pm) or come to the Churches Together service and lunch at the Methodist Church on Good Friday.

Dear Members

Thank you all very much for the chocolate eggs that you donated to the Prisoner charity that MU is supporting. They were taken to Rothley to be passed to the charity by Kate our diocesan secretary.

Because we are in Lent we will not be adding anything to the MU bowl till Easter Sunday.

Our guest speaker on Wednesday March 6th was Sharon from Taylors the florist here in the village and it was a lovely meeting. The bouquet she demonstrated was taken to be sold at the shop.

On Wednesday 3rd April we are delighted that our speaker will be Sandra Marshall the Methodist church leader. It will be nice to hear how she came to this role.

The committee would like to remind you all that ideas are desperately needed regarding our speakers programme. Pam has told members that we will have to make a decision about the branch in September. So please let Annette or Pam know of any ideas you may have for next year.

Please remember our members who are too frail to come to our meetings and all are very welcome to join us at our meetings.

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Muriel Parker, a lifelong Walton resident has passed away just a few weeks after celebrating her 90th birthday. Unfortunately, that celebration of necessity was in hospital, where she had been for several weeks. The photo of Muriel with Rev. Clive was part of the September 2022 magazine; at a service in St. Mary's, Walton the previous month a presentation had been made to her following her retirement after 70 years on the Walton PCC, for at least 50 of which she was also the Treasurer. Muriel lived her whole life on Six Hills Lane, having grown up in one farm and then, on her marriage, moved a further few hundred yards to her husband's farm. She was involved in almost every aspect of Walton life and her baking was of the highest quality. Our thoughts and prayers are with her son Brian at this time.



100 YEARS AGO
From the East Akeley Deanery Magazine
April 1924

My dear friends, (*extracts from the Vicar's letter*)

It was encouraging to see so many Communicants on Easter Day. There were 135 at the first celebration, 88 at the second and 24 at the third. Twelve more made their Communion on the following day, thus making a total of 259.

You will be interested to hear that Mr. Heatherley, of Leicester, has been offered the post of organist in the place of Miss Wilson who has resigned, and he has accepted it. He comes to us with excellent recommendations. Mr. Heatherley has already been playing at week-night services but will not begin on Sundays until May 4th. He has kindly consented to give an organ recital on Monday May 5th at 7.30pm.

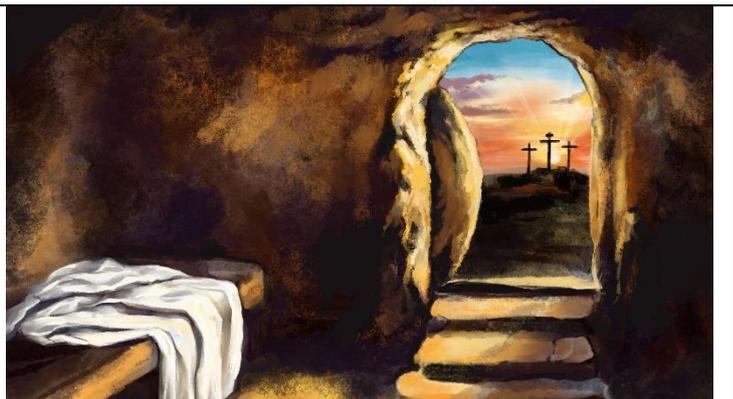
Confirmation – Our church was filled to overflowing for the service conducted by the Bishop of Leicester on Monday evening, April 7th, and extra supplies of chairs had to be requisitioned. His Lordship confirmed 103 candidates from the parishes of Barrow, Mountsorrel (Christ Church and St. Peter's), Quorn, Seagrave, Sileby, Thrussington, Walton, Woodhouse Eaves and Woodhouse. There were nine males from Barrow, and the number of female candidates was 13. The prayers of our people are requested that these candidates may be kept faithful and strong.

Mothers' Union – Members are reminded of the Mass Meeting in the De Montfort Hall, Leicester, when Mrs. Barclay will speak. It will take place on Wednesday May 7th at 3.30pm.

EASTER SUNDAY:

***He is not here:
for he is risen, as he said.***

Matthew chapter 28 verse 6



Holy Week and Easter Services – at Holy Trinity unless otherwise specified
Sunday 23rd at 10.30 Palm Sunday Holy Communion
Monday – Wednesday at 6pm Compline with Passion Narrative
Maundy Thursday at 7.30pm at St. Andrew’s, Prestwold
Good Friday – 10.30am For families – Easter activities and Hot Cross Buns
12pm CTiB Good Friday service and lunch – Methodist Church
6pm Stations of the Cross
Holy Saturday – 7.30pm Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday - 8.30 Holy Communion, St. Mary’s Walton, 10.30am HT

FROM THE HOLY TRINITY PRAYER DIARY

Please pray for:

April 7th – Flower Arrangers

April 14th – Christian Aid – Organiser: Frances Acton

April 21st – Parish Council – Chair: Sandie Forrest and all Councillors

April 28th – Benefice and Wedding Administrator – Collette Webster-Jones

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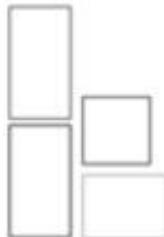


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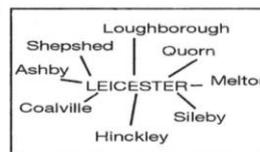
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