



April 2023

Newsletter of the Churches of Ashby St. Ledgers, Braunston and Welton

SERVICES & EVENTS FOR APRIL			Prayer and Praise
Sunday 2 nd April	Braunston Holy Communion	10-30 am	April 16 th – Braunston @ 6pm May 21 st – Holy Cross, Daventry @ 6pm
Palm Sunday			
Thursday 6 th April	Braunston Reflections and meal	7 pm	
Maundy Thursday Reflections begin at 7:30			
Friday 7 th April	Welton An Hour at the Cross	11 am	
	Braunston An Hour at the Cross	2 pm	
Sunday 9 th April	Ashby St. Ledgers Holy Communion	10-30 am	
Easter Day			
	Braunston Holy Communion	10-30 am	
	Welton Holy Communion	10-30 am	
Sunday 16 th April	Braunston Holy Communion	9-00 am	
	Braunston Family Service	10-30 am	
Sunday 23 rd April	Welton Holy Communion	10-30 am	
Sunday 30 th April	Ashby St. Ledgers Café Church	9.30am	
Outdoor Family Church will be on Saturday 8th April – meet at The Rectory Garden at 11am. (see below)			



Tiny Treasures

Parent/Carer and toddler group for pre-school children. Tuesday mornings during term time 9.00am to 11.00am.

We meet for play time, stories, craft time and singing in the Parish Room, All Saints' Church, Braunston. The Church Door will be open, just come in!

Tiny Treasures will not be meeting on April 4th or 11th (during the school holidays).

Prayer Chain

If you would like to be included in the prayer chain and receive a copy of the prayer chain or receive prayer for yourself, please contact either suejennens21@gmail.com or your church warden.).

Outdoor Family Church

Saturday 8th April, 11am-1pm, meet at The Rectory Garden in Braunston (Opposite the Church)

Help us to build the Easter Garden

We will be toasting marshmallows in the fire pit; constructing an Easter Garden for the Church and playing some games.

Lunch provided (or you can bring your own picnic)

All families welcome (you don't have to live in one of the villages).

No charge, but donations towards costs are welcomed.

SAVE THE DATES!

At the moment, our outgoings exceed regular giving by a significant amount, therefore fundraising events are essential. Please save the following dates and consider if you could be available to help:

Future Fundraising Events in Welton –

Friday 12th May: Beetle Drive with Supper at Welton Village Hall (with some new jokes for this year!).

Saturday 1st July – Welton Fete, in aid of Church Funds and School Funds.

Saturday 15th July: Soap Box Derby in Welton – we will be serving Ice Creams in the Church.

Saturday 9th September: Annual Ride and Stride. Art Exhibition in Welton Church.

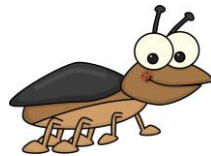
Saturday 18th November: Craft Fair in Welton Village Hall.

Jackie also gives History Talks in aid of Church Funds. If you know of any organisation that has speakers, please give a little ad. for me (a list of talks and prices is available from jackie.hibbert@rocketmail.com)

Future Fundraising Events in Ashby St. Ledgers

Sunday 28th May (afternoon), Cream Teas on the Green.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!



BEETLE DRIVE

Friday May 12th, Welton Village Hall
6.45pm start.

Tickets £10 to include filled baked potato supper, bring your own drinks and glasses.

Raffle – Corny jokes – Prize for winner
Limited to 32 players.

Tickets on sale now, available from

Jackie.hibbert@rocketmail.com

01327 312514

Calling all Crafty People!

Welton Craft Fair

St. Martin's Welton Church are holding a craft fair on **Saturday 18th November** from 11am to 4pm (set up from 9am).

Stalls will cost £15 plus a small donation for our raffle.

If you would like more details, or to book a stall, please e-mail Jackie as soon as possible
(Jackie.hibbert@rocketmail.com).

There is limited availability of stalls and we are aiming to avoid too much duplication (although there will inevitably be some overlap) - so get in quick.

Please pass this on to anyone you know who may be interested.

CREAM TEAS
ON THE GREEN



Ashby St Ledgers **SUNDAY 28th May**
2.30pm 'til 5pm

Cakes & Preserves Tombola plants

In aid of urgent repairs to Ashby church
(if wet will take place in the village hall)

CORONATION FESTIVAL

on the afternoon of
Monday 8th May

At St. Martin's Church, Welton

The "Women of Welton" (WOW) are organising this and will be making a donation to our Church.

**Flower Festival, Tree Festival,
Tea and Cakes.**

Please help us to make it a success by coming along. If you would like to donate a cake for the event, please see Jan Wall or Jackie Hibbert.

More details in our next newsletter.

St. Martin's Website is up and running again, with a new look. <http://stmartinswelton.org.uk>
Many thanks to Kevin for transferring it to the new software.

Why an Easter Garden?

In Churches since the Middle Ages, it has been traditional to make an Easter Garden. The Garden illustrates the Easter Events by showing the cross and empty tomb of Christ, reminding us of the sacrifice Christ made for us when he died and the triumph of the resurrection. After the sombre lack of flowers through Lent, the inclusion of flowers reminds us of the new life we receive through Christ, when we accept that he died for us. This year, through Outdoor Family Church, we are hoping to involve children in the construction of these; using the experience of putting together the different elements to develop children's understanding of the Easter events.

Our Church life is filled with tradition and symbolism and sometimes we forget what it is all about. I remember one time when a visitor to the school where I worked ate a daffodil when taking an assembly about Easter. We all remembered the event, but none of us could remember why she ate the daffodil. Luckily, eating daffodils is not part of the regular traditions around Easter, as google tells me they are highly toxic.

This year, when eating your hot cross bun or Easter Egg or when looking at the Easter Garden, let's take time to reflect on the significance of the Easter Events, but perhaps give the daffodil eating a miss.

Jackie Hibbert



The Baby Project Newsletter this month includes the true story of a beautiful Christening Gown waiting to find a new home. The St.Martin's Church Welton baby project supporters have had a wonderful opportunity this month to reach out and find a family longing to have their baby named in a service of baptism. Please contact Gilly Beardmore 07807 011205 if you know someone who would benefit.

News from the Baby Project

If you are planning an infant baptism, you could use the picture on the right to invite someone to be a Godparent.

Contact Rev. Kathryn for information about baptism.



A verse for April - 1 Peter 1:3-4

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you.

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Please send all contributions for the May Edition of the Newsletter to Jackie at

safeguarding@stmartinswelton.org.uk by 18th April.

Let me know if you would like to receive the Newsletter electronically.