

# NEWSLETTER

## Sunday April 18th. Easter 3



As the sun returns and the weather appears to be warming up special thanks should be given to PAMELA COCK and the 'IN BLOOM' team who have provided us all with such a magnificent display of DAFFODILS in our lovely village. This year they seem to have been in flower for months and definitely cheered up some of the darker days of this spring. Really beautiful. Thank you.

Although we have returned to services in church we will remember and pray for all those who feel unable to return yet. Our Sunday services will continue to be on you tube.

[Benefice of Bletchingley and Nutfield - YouTube](#) (under videos).

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKjwHlZkSxgv0qekIwx2Chw>

[SUNDAY CLUB](#), Any children are welcome to join us on Zoom- email [Katedoody2012@gmail.com](mailto:Katedoody2012@gmail.com) for more details or join our Facebook group: St Mary's Sunday Club.

[Modern Slavery Webinar](#) (see page 4)

[Wellbeing Garden at Bletchingley Village Primary School - HOW YOU CAN HELP](#)

The school has the benefit of extensive grounds which are put to great use by the school. However, there is an area of around one third of an acre which was the village playground before it was re-built on Grange Meadow and is no longer used. This land was given to the school when it became an academy and is covered in rough grass, brambles etc. It is between the school and the footpath that runs between Coneybury and Town Meadow so access will be from the school or the footpath. There is also a small piece of land by the footpath to be partially cleared so a sign can be erected as the school is largely hidden from the A25 and this will improve the presence of the school locally.

The larger area will be made into a wildflower garden with woodchip paths, shrubs etc. Once it is created maintenance will be low and children can be educated on environmental matters and gardening. Local people will have access from the well-used footpath. Access to the school will normally be locked. The garden will encourage butterflies, bees, birds and insects and be environmentally friendly and an asset for Bletchingley.

The school head, staff and Governors are enthusiastic about this idea and I have contacted the Parish Council, Rose Thorn our County Councillor and our three District Councillors who have all expressed their support.

To show your support follow the link below to access the map and click on the thumbs up logo.

<https://bit.ly/31VMX9j>

## Easter 3

Services continue to be premiered on You Tube

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKjwHIZkSxgv0qekIwx2Chw> (under videos)

**The Collect:** Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *CW*

**Acts 3:12-19**

Peter addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.' And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.' *NRSV*

**1 John 3:1-7**

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. *NRSV*

**Luke 24:36b-48**

While the eleven and their companions were talking about what they had heard, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you - that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.' *NRSV*

**Prayers**

Be light to my eyes, O Lord, and music to my ears. Be to me sweetness of taste and contentment of heart. Be sunshine to me in the day, food at my table and repose in the night. I give to you, O Lord, my body and my soul, all that I have and all that I am; my fame, my friends, my liberty and my life. Dispose of me according to your gracious will and the glory of your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen. *John Cosin, 1594-1672*

Risen Lord Jesus, who came to Your friends when all their hope was gone: come to us in the dark times. Come to those who despair, that they may feel your Easter presence in their hearts. Amen

Pray for me and I shall pray for you and all your friends that we may merrily meet in heaven. Amen (*Thomas Moore*)



**Daily Readings for the week April 19th to April 24th**

<b>Monday, April 19,</b>	Psalm 150;	Jeremiah 30:1-11a;	1 John 3:10-16
<b>Tuesday, April 20,</b>	Psalm 150;	Hosea 5:15-6:6;	2 John 1:1-6
<b>Wednesday, April 21,</b>	Psalm 150;	Proverbs 9:1-6;	Mark 16:9-18
<b>Thursday, April 22,</b>	Psalm 23;	Genesis 30:25-43;	Acts 3:17-26
<b>Friday, April 23,</b>	Psalm 23;	Genesis 46:28-47:6;	Acts 4:1-4
<b>Saturday, April 24,</b>	Psalm 23;	Genesis 48:8-19;	Mark 6:30-34

**Daily Readings for the week April 26th to May 1st**

<b>Monday, April 26,</b>	Psalm 95;	1 Samuel 16:1-13;	1 Peter 5:1-5
<b>Tuesday, April 27,</b>	Psalm 95;	1 Chronicles 11:1-9;	Revelation 7:13-17
<b>Wednesday, April 28,</b>	Psalm 95;	Micah 7:8-20;	Mark 14:26-31
<b>Thursday, April 29,</b>	Psalm 22:25-31;	Amos 8:1-7;	Acts 8:1b-8
<b>Friday, April 30,</b>	Psalm 22:25-31;	Amos 8:11-13;	Acts 8:9-25
<b>Saturday, May 1,</b>	Psalm 22:25-31;	Amos 9:7-15;	Mark 4:30-32

**If you are unwell, have any problems, would like help**

Please do contact the Rector

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The Benefice Office is manned on Tuesday and Wednesday, 9am to 5pm  
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# Modern Slavery

## Webinar



SATURDAY 24TH  
APRIL 2021

9.30-11.45 am

Zoom waiting room opens  
9.15am

## Find out more and how to help fight it

Why can't victims of modern slavery just walk away?

Offenders use debt bondage to control them, enforced through threats of violence and intimidation.

Modern slavery offenders make money directly from the exploitation of vulnerable people. Vulnerable individuals are exploited for their labour, in sex work, and in criminal activity such as drug supply and theft, generating significant sums for offenders.

Find out how we can work together to do something about this crime against humanity happening here in Surrey.

This webinar hopes to bring together people to help raise awareness of the issues we are facing in the Surrey area. We hope that anyone with an interest in finding out more about these issues will join us.

Hosted by Reigate Archdeaconry Social Justice Focus, includes the Deaneries of Reigate, Tandridge and Sutton, within The Diocese of Southwark in the Church of England.

For more info or questions email [rasocialjustice@gmail.com](mailto:rasocialjustice@gmail.com)

[Book on Eventbrite >>](#)

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<https://rasjfmmodernslavery.eventbrite.co.uk>

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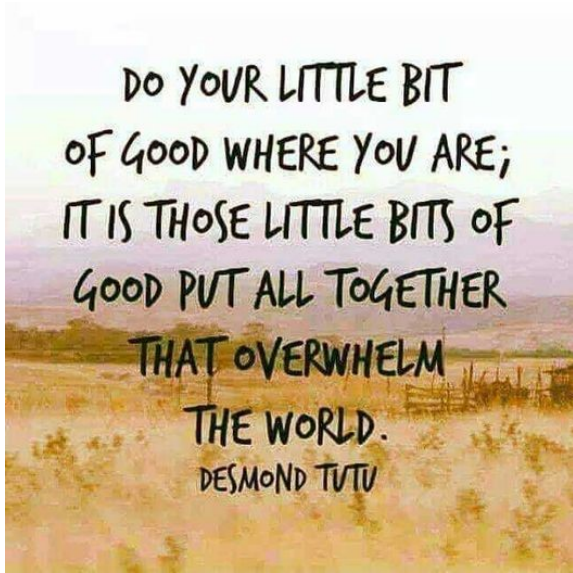
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### Hospitality & "Spiritual Friendship"

"The real host is the one who offers that space where ... we can listen to our own inner voices and find our own personal way of being human..."

The paradox of hospitality is that it wants to create emptiness ... *a friendly emptiness where strangers can enter and discover themselves as created free.*

~ HENRI NOUWEN

A black and white portrait of Henri Nouwen, an elderly man with glasses, wearing a dark sweater over a collared shirt, sitting at a desk with his hands resting on a book.



Bar tailed Godwits



Avocets



Redshanks and a Curlew



Kentish Pastoral Scene

**A recent trip to the Swale Valley in Kent**



One of our garden friends!