



The Holy Trinity, Penn & St Margaret's, Tylers Green, Forty Green & Knotty Green

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

## From the Vicarage

If you ever have the privilege of spending three years at a Theological College preparing for ordination in the Church of England you will have a very interesting lecture about 'the theories of the atonement' and will have to write a paper on it to prove that you were paying attention. The essence of this is 'what did Jesus' death on the Cross achieve?' If you are interested, they are; moral influence; ransom; Christus Victor; satisfaction; penal substitution; government; scapegoat. If you want to know more you can Google them (other search engines are available). I actually find it quite interesting as I am curious as to how something that happened 2,000 years ago in the Middle East can have any influence or effect on me today. However, in order not to have your paper returned to you by your tutor it is necessary that you finish your essay by acknowledging that no single theory can adequately explain what happened, in fact all of them together are insufficient. All of these ways of looking at it, in their own way, recognize that the Cross is vast and deep. There is nothing quite like it, and it must be understood in its own light. In the Bible we see the plight of mankind as desperate. We are sinners, lost, perishing, and deserving of being cast into eternal darkness, and more. An atonement that rectifies all this must necessarily be complex. So we need all the vivid concepts: redemption, propitiation, justification, and all the rest. And we need all the theories. Each draws attention to an important aspect of our salvation and we dare not surrender any. We are but small minded sinners and the atonement is great and vast. We should not expect that our theories will ever explain it fully. Even when we put them all together, we will no more than begin to comprehend a little of the vastness of God's saving deed.

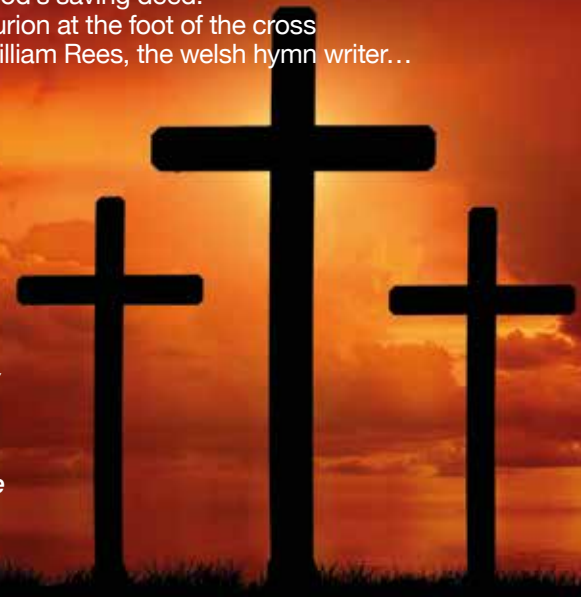
In the end one has to join the Roman centurion at the foot of the cross "Surely this was the Son of God". Or with William Rees, the Welsh hymn writer...



*Here is love vast as the ocean,  
Loving kindness as the flood,  
When the Prince of life, our ransom  
Shed for us His precious blood.  
Who His love will not remember?  
Who can cease to sing His praise?  
He can never be forgotten  
Throughout heaven's eternal days.*

*On the Mount of Crucifixion  
Fountains opened deep and wide;  
Through the floodgates of God's mercy  
Flowed a vast and gracious tide.  
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,  
Poured incessant from above,  
And heaven's peace and perfect justice  
Kissed a guilty world in love.*

Blessings  
**Revd Mike Bisset**



## Services over Holy Week and Easter

- PALM SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL** We re-enact through reading the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem
- Mon to Wed of Holy Week, 9pm** Night Prayer (C)
- MAUNDY THURSDAY 8pm** Holy Communion
- GOOD FRIDAY 12 noon** Mass

**EASTER DAY 11.30am** ... (children will stay in with us) ... in the Churchyard at Holy Trinity. ... for the walk to the Hit & Miss in Penn ... available for those who wish) ... at 10.30am as we give thanks to God for ... those who gave their lives. We will be joined by ... Buckingham, Rt Revd Alan Wilson, members of the ... Legion and the uniformed organisations.

**AS WE WERE GOING TO PRINT THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY ANNOUNCED THAT PUBLIC WORSHIP IN CHURCHES OF ENGLAND (SEE LETTER ON PAGE 2). PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR UP TO DATE INFORMATION.**



## St Thomas Salisbury Doom Painting

A Doom Painting in St Thomas Church in Salisbury has recently been restored and returned to its place above the Chancel Arch. You will see the similarities and some differences with our own Doom painting. The term 'Doom' is itself somewhat misleading as both Doom Paintings are actually dominated by the figure of Jesus and of the Heavenly Jerusalem. Hell is confined to a small part of the painting. Jesus at the centre is, as we shall celebrate at Easter, the son of God who came to this earth not as judge but as saviour. Not to be served but to serve. The Doom painting rightly challenges us to consider our lives, our own responsibility for how we live, but also that ultimately it is only through Jesus Christ that the relationship with God is restored. Jesus said: *"I am the way the truth and the life no one comes to the Father except through me"*.

Above is the St Thomas Doom and below Holy Trinity's.



## Deliverer required

It is likely that you are reading this because one of our faithful team of deliverers put it there. We are looking for someone to deliver to part of Sandelswood End (30 houses). If you could do that, please contact Pat on 813268



## Extract from letter by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York

It has always been the historic vocation of the Church of England to be the church for everyone. William Temple, one of the great Archbishops of Canterbury and York of the last century, is often quoted as saying that we are the one organisation which exists for the benefit of its 'non-members'. As the challenge of the coronavirus grips the world, and as the Government asks every individual and every organisation to rethink its life, we are now asking the Church of England in all its parishes, chaplaincies and ministries to serve all people in a new way. Public worship will have to stop for a season. Our usual pattern of Sunday services and other mid-week gatherings must be put on hold. But this does not mean that the Church of England has shut up shop. Far from it. We need to look at new ways of serving everyone:

1. Where you can and where it is prudent, we encourage all clergy to continue their pattern of daily prayer and, if it is your practice and can be done within the constraints as set out, a daily Eucharist. Please do of course keep the church buildings open for private prayer wherever possible as we know so many do all the time.
2. If churches and worshipping communities have the resources to live stream then they should do so. At the same time, both nationally and in our dioceses, we will produce and provide resources for prayer and worship in the home. This will be especially important for those who are self-isolating, but also for the benefit of everyone.
3. Many people are going to suffer during these coming months as the coronavirus reaches its peak. Tragically there will be deaths and so many will be grieving and fearful. We, the Church of Jesus Christ, with our sisters and brothers from other Christian churches, must be in the forefront of providing practical care and support for the most poor and the most vulnerable, and we offer our services to all those who are beginning to think through how best to provide for those in need.

Being a part of the Church of England is going to look very different in the days ahead. Our life is going to be less characterised by attendance at church on Sunday, and more characterised by the prayer and service we offer each day. We may not be able to pray with people in the ways that we are used to, but we can certainly pray for people. There are many very encouraging schemes happening right across our country in communities to focus on caring for the most vulnerable, so do continue to play your part in those. Then by our service, and by our love, Jesus Christ will be made known, and the hope of the gospel – a hope that will counter fear and isolation – will spread across our land.

This is a defining moment for the Church of England. Are we truly a church for all, or just the church for ourselves? We urge you sisters and brothers to become a different sort of church in these coming months: hopeful and rooted in the offering of prayer and praise and overflowing in service to the world. Please, therefore, join us in this great challenge; and pray for our Government and nation, for each other, and especially for those who work in our health and emergency services.

With every blessing,

+Justin Cantuar

+Sentamu Eboracensis 17th March 2020

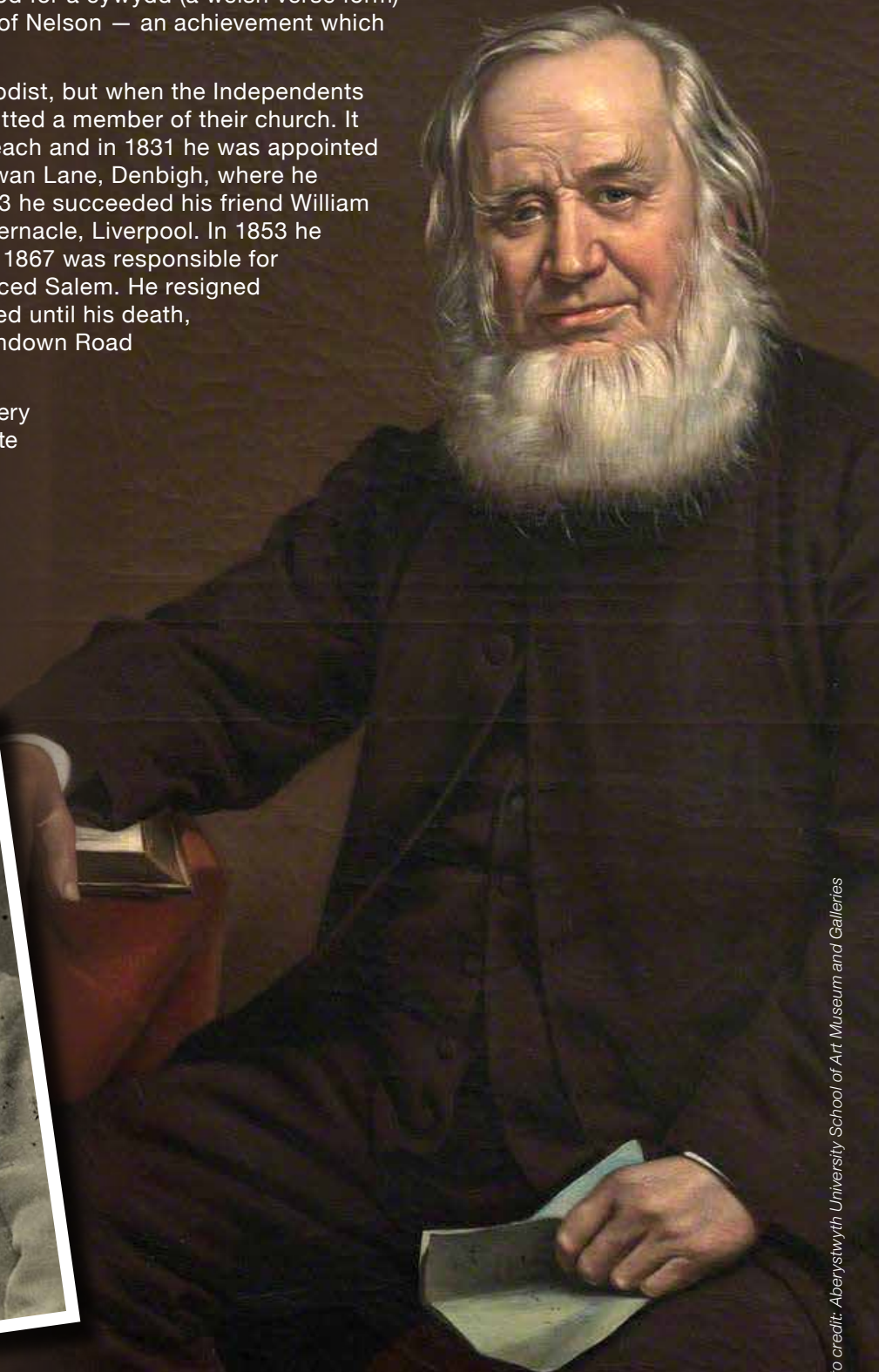
# Great Lives - William Rees (Gwilym Hiraethog; 1802 - 1883)

As I was quoting William Rees' hymn on the front cover, it occurred to me that our series on 'Great Lives' had not included anyone from Wales. Clearly a grave error!

He was born at Chwibren-isaf, a farm nestling at the foot of Mynydd Hiraethog, in the parish of Llansannan, Denbighshire. His paternal grandfather was a native of Llandeilo who came as an exciseman from Wenvoe. The only education William Rees ever had was at the village school during the winter months, and he began to work on the farm and as a shepherd at an early age. However, he proceeded to educate himself, and under the direction of Robert ap Dafydd of Cilfach Lwyd, an old bachelor who lived in a near-by farm, learned the rules of Welsh prosody and in 1826 won the prize at Brecon Eisteddfod for a cywydd (a Welsh verse form) on the victory at Trafalgar and the death of Nelson — an achievement which brought him into public notice.

He was brought up as a Calvinistic Methodist, but when the Independents came to Llansannan in 1828 he was admitted a member of their church. It was not long before he was invited to preach and in 1831 he was appointed minister at Mostyn. In 1837 he went to Swan Lane, Denbigh, where he became famous for his preaching. In 1843 he succeeded his friend William Williams of Wern (1781 - 1840) at the Tabernacle, Liverpool. In 1853 he moved to Salem in the same town and in 1867 was responsible for building Grove Street chapel which replaced Salem. He resigned in 1875 and went to Chester where he lived until his death, 8 November 1883; he was buried in Smithdown Road cemetery, Liverpool.

He wrote prolifically on the abolition of slavery and politics as well as religion. He also wrote poetry and hymns. His most famous being 'Dyma gariad fel y moroedd' translated 'Here is love vast as the ocean'. In the early 1900s it became the theme hymn of the Welsh Revival (set to Robert Lowry's beautiful tune 'Dim Ond Iesu' – 'Only Jesus'). He would have been very gratified.



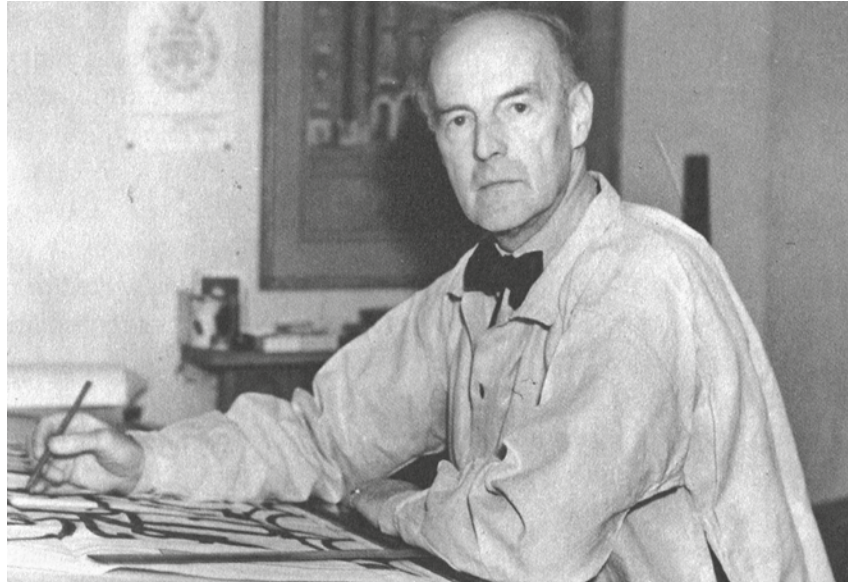
# Oliver Heal and Edward Maufe

*"Sir Edward Maufe, Architect and Cathedral Builder"*

Sir Edward Maufe RA (1883-1974) is chiefly remembered today as the architect of Guilford Cathedral completed in 1962. However, he was responsible for designing sixteen new churches during his long career and in later life was also intimately linked with works carried out at the medieval Holy Trinity Church, Penn. Juliet Dunmur has just published *Sir Edward Maufe, Architect and Cathedral Builder*, a biography of Edward Maufe and his wife Prudence, which recounts their fascinating lives. (ISBN 978-1-905597-92-5. Available from the author – [j.dunmur@gmail.com](mailto:j.dunmur@gmail.com) for £20.00)

Prudence Maufe worked with Sir Ambrose Heal as an advisor on interior design from 1915 onwards. Edward Maufe designed an extension to Ambrose's home in Knotty Green in 1925 and ten years later was responsible for rebuilding Heal's retail premises in Tottenham Court Road, London. It is assumed therefore that it was through this link with a parishioner that the Rev. Oscar Muspratt was able to engage Sir Edward to advise on various projects at Penn.

Not long after he joined the parish, Muspratt wrote in April 1946, "At a recent meeting of the PCC, I asked for a long-term policy to be formulated in regard to the care and restoration of the Church and its interior furnishings. Since then we have been fortunate enough to secure the assistance of Mr Edward Maufe ARA one of the leading church architects in the country. Among other matters we have asked him to advise us on a suitable memorial to those who gave their lives in the war." The war memorial took some time as Edward was busy working on the War Memorial for St Paul's Cathedral which understandably took priority. But in the meantime a complete set of drawings of Penn Church were prepared by J.W. Broadbent, a lecturer at the RIBA College and local resident, with four of his students, as a starting point for Edward to prepare his proposals for improvement and restoration that would be spread over a number of years.



One of Muspratt's first priorities was replacing the old organ. This meant moving the pulpit across from the north side to the south side of the nave in order to provide space for the new organ console. The site of the organ itself in the south aisle was a reluctant compromise "mainly because Mr Maufe did not wish to consider amending the present arrangements at the West End." (PCC report for 1947). Incidentally, the organ, which was partly second-hand, was purchased on advice from Dr Lloyd Webber, father of Andrew Lloyd Webber and organist at All Saints, St Margaret Street. He played it at the service of dedication in January 1948.

By June 1948 the war memorial, designed by Edward Maufe and carved by Darsie Rawlins, was installed and again Lloyd Webber was at the organ for the service of dedication. In August that year the church received the visit of the Bishop of Pennsylvania and part of the service was broadcast via the BBC to North America. As the window above the war memorial was "in an advanced state of dilapidation", the following year it was decided that it should be replaced and "Mr Maufe suggested we could well commemorate the various historical links between the parish of Penn and the diocese of Pennsylvania. Accordingly Mr Pawle [the stained glass window designer] in collaboration with Mr Maufe has devised a strikingly dignified design." (PCC Newsletter October 1949) that commemorated the visit of the Right Reverend Oliver J. Hart.

In 1950 Edward Maufe designed the new belfry screen that was made and installed by William Lacey of Hounslow. By 1951 it was found that the chancel and south transept roofs were in very poor condition and so Edward advised a full survey be carried out by J.E.M. Macgregor of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings. As well as the roof work it was found that the South Porch roof had dry rot. During this round of restoration, four windows were found where none were suspected and the decorators "stumbled across the three consecration crosses" (PCC Newsletter April 1952).

To be continued...



**Oliver Heal     Mar 2020**

# A Few Words

In the John Ryland University Library in Manchester there is a famous ancient artefact which was discovered many years ago in Egypt and which was acquired and subsequently conserved by the library. It is a tiny fragment which measures approximately 3.5 by 2.5 inches at it widest point written in Greek on papyrus, a reed which is found on the banks of the river Nile and which formed writing material of the time. It was identified in 1935. The writing on both sides depicts five verses of St John's gospel. From the handwriting, the fragment is dated at approximately AD 200 which makes it the oldest fragment of the New Testament ever found. More accurate carbon dating is not possible because of the danger of damaging the fragile document.



The verses on the fragment are from Chapter 18 and are from the trial of Jesus before Pontius Pilate just before his crucifixion. The English translation of this section of the gospel includes Jesus challenge "Everyone on the side of truth, listen to me". It sometimes feels like truth is at a bit of a premium these days so it is a timely reminder that it has always been thus. It is a reminder that Jesus was 'the way, the truth and the life' then and still is today.

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## WHAT'S ON?

### MONDAYS

**Bell Ringing Practice** at Holy Trinity 7.45- 9.15pm. Ringers meet in the bell tower. Contact Alison Bayley, Bell Tower Captain (725686)

**Evening Home Group.** Every other week (usually) at 7.30pm in The Sanctuary. Contact Revd Mike (816700)

### TUESDAYS

**Coffee in the Sanctuary**  
Please drop in any week between 10 and midday for coffee at St Margaret's Sanctuary. Everyone welcome!

**Bible Study Group** every Tuesday at 43, Kings Ride, Tylers Green. Contact Corrine (814347)

**Bible Study Group** every Tuesday morning at various local venues. Call Annik Heal (673188)

### Evening Home Groups

Every 1st and 3rd week, 8.00pm at various venues. Contact Sue Wallace (812879).

### WEDNESDAYS

**St Margaret's Toddler Group**  
10-11.30am, term-time at the Parish Rooms, St Margaret's. Call Ali Bisset (816700).

### Evening Home Groups

\*1st/3rd weeks at David Carter's home, 4 Rushmoor Ave. Call 813015 - location may vary.

\* Every 1st and 3rd week at 8.00pm led by David Ellingham at the homes of various members. Call Pam or David on 816260

### THURSDAYS

**Coffee** follows the 10am service at Holy Trinity on the 1st Thursday.

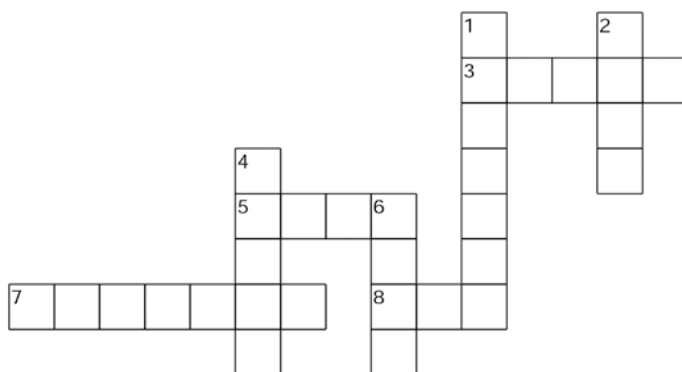
### Evening Home Group

\*1st week of month at Roger and Christine Edwards's home, 7 Woodlands Drive, Beaconsfield. Call 672021



## An Easter Surprise

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Matthew 28:5-6



### ACROSS

3. "He is not here, he has \_\_\_\_\_."
5. A place where someone, especially an important person, is buried
7. The first or early part of a day
8. A period of twenty-four hours

### DOWN

1. To kill someone by tying or nailing them to a cross
2. A period of seven days
4. A hard solid substance found in the ground which is often used for building
6. The whole physical structure that forms a person

MORNING	BODY	RISEN	STONE
DAY	CRUCIFY	TOMB	WEEK

# From the Registers

February - March 2020

## St Margaret's

### Funerals

Margaret Brewer	7 February
Patricia Timberlake (Crem)	11 March
Garth Whittaker (Crem)	12 March

### Burial of Ashes

Nora Haynes	7 March
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## Holy Trinity

### Weddings

Kathryn Lee & Paul Tilbrook	14 March
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### Funerals

Moira Joan Bryden (Crem)	23 March
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### Burial of Ashes

Peter Godden	22 February
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Schedule of Services (dependent upon Government advice)

		HOLY TRINITY		ST MARGARET'S	
APRIL	TIME	SERVICE	TIME	SERVICE	
2nd Thursday	10am	Holy Communion			
5th Palm	8am 11am	Holy Communion Family Service	8am 9.30am	Holy Communion Family Service	
9th Maundy	8pm	Holy Communion			
10th Friday			12 noon	Meditation	
12th Easter	6am 8am 11am	Sonrise Holy Communion Parish Communion	9.30am	Family Communion	
19th	8am 11am	Holy Communion Family Service	9.30am	Family Communion	
26th	8am 11am	Holy Communion Family Service	9.30am	Family Communion	
MAY					
3rd	8am 11am	Holy Communion Family Service	8am 9.30am	Holy Communion Family Service	
7th Thu	10am	Holy Communion			
10th VE Day	8am	Holy Communion			
	10.30am	Service on the Common			
17th	8am 11am	Holy Communion Parish Communion	9.30am	Family Communion	
24th	8am 11am	Holy Communion Parish Communion	9.30am	Family Communion	
31st Pentecost	8am 11am	Holy Communion Parish Communion	9.30am	Family Communion	

## Pancakes

The Sanctuary was full of people and smoke on the evening of Tuesday 25th February as we celebrated Shrove Tuesday with our annual Pancake party. 16 litres of milk, 10Kgs of flour and 20 eggs produced somewhere in the region of 200 pancakes over the course of an hour and a half. A variety of toppings were available the most popular being the marshmallows and the bananas. One of our guests told me that she had put every topping on her first pancake. When I asked if she felt sick, she replied 'Yes'. Then she took her second pancake. Irresistible they were!



Rev'd Mike

## Prayer

The Archbishop of Canterbury has produced a series of five 10-15 minutes talks on the subject of prayer. They can be found at <https://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/exploring-prayer>. They are very accessible and inspiring. May be it is something for the latter part of Lent.



## Easter Surprise Cookies

### INGREDIENTS:

#### Cookie

- 2/3 cup sugar
- 1 cup Butter, softened
- 1 large Egg
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 48 jelly beans

### DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Combine all cookie ingredients except flour and jelly beans in bowl. Beat at medium speed, scraping bowl often, until well mixed. Stir in flour until well mixed.
3. Shape rounded teaspoons of dough into 1-inch balls. Place 1 jelly bean in center of each ball making sure the sweet is covered with dough. Place cookies 2 inches apart onto ungreased cookie sheets. Bake 15-18 minutes or until edges are lightly browned. Cool completely.

## Church Sign

