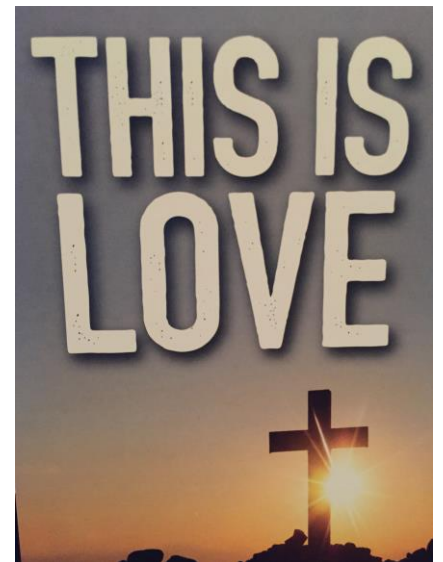


## OAK HILL GROUP OF PARISHES

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Dear Friends

The above image shows an empty cross with the sun rising behind it on Easter Sunday: powerful reminders of the loving sacrifice made by Jesus Christ so that each one of us can experience new life.

As I write this article on 27th March 2022, the Ukraine- Russia war has been raging in our news bulletins for a month; but for the Ukrainian people it is an extension of the war that started in February 2014.

Now I do not have the spiritual gift of prophecy, so I have no idea what will be happening when you come to read this article and particularly on Easter Sunday which is 17th April in our western churches – or in Kiev/Kyiv on 24th April when the Russian Orthodox Church celebrates Easter Sunday – although I pray that by then there will be peace. However, I do have the gift of hindsight and I have been reflecting on the Easter celebrations of 1940 and the start of the pogrom against the Jewish people in Warsaw by Nazi Germany.

“The pogrom began on Good Friday, 22nd March 1940, with mass attacks on Jewish shops and beatings ...these events were followed by further violence throughout Easter and the week afterwards, mainly in the Jewish part of the city. During the pogrom, people wearing the Star of David band were attacked; Jewish shops, private apartments and institutions were raided. Victims comprised all social groups, from shop owners to social and political leaders.” (Person, 2021).

In 1939 we went to war with Germany for the sake of the Polish people. Now they are leading the world in helping millions of Ukrainian refugees: they have not forgotten their own history and their fight with tyranny.

So where do we as Christians with the sure hope of salvation turn this Easter?

I have been reading Matthew 24, about the destruction of the temple and signs of the end times. This Chapter tells of wars and rumours of wars; that life will be hard;

that death and destruction are to be expected. Jesus never promised there would be no war. He warns of the harshness to come: "You will hear of wars and rumours of wars but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom" (verses 6-7).

At the end of times the situation on earth will be tough and the grand deceiver will run rampant. But always remember the grand deceiver is already defeated. The victory was won on the cross nearly 2000 years ago. May this truth bless you and all those who you love with new life this Easter as we put our trust, our confidence in God who is faithful.

In the midst of these most challenging times and all that surrounds us, in faith not fear, may we all know God's presence and peace as we journey through Holy Week, Easter Day [and the hope it brings through our Risen Lord] and the Easter Season. This comes in prayer, with love and every good Blessing. Julia

### **ALDERTON**

**EASTER DAY SERVICE:** this will be at the later time of **11.15am in Alderton** (to fit in with Dumbleton having a service) and we would love you to join us. The Church will be decorated with spring flowers so come and see them - the Church is open every day.

**CREAM TEAS on Easter Monday 18th April:** we are planning on having these in the Village Hall in the afternoon. Please look out for the posters for further details.

**HELP in the Churchyard:** every year we have a work party to smarten up the churchyard before Easter, getting rid of overgrown weeds and making sure the graves look neat. It would be great to have your help to do so on **Saturday April 2nd** starting at 10am so we would love it if you would come along with your gardening tools!

**ST MARGARET'S AGM:** will be on **Sunday April 24th** after the 10.30am service - please do come - we need everyone's opinions and support.

### **GREAT WASHBOURNE**

The Great Washbourne **FAMILY FUN QUIZ** night is on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April 6.30pm to 10pm in the Church. As in previous years it is suitable for all ages and we hope you'll come along with your friends (teams 4-5 or join one on the night). Tickets cost £12 adults, £6 children, to include a hot 2 course supper and there will be a pay bar and raffle. Please email Jane Kent ([cjane.kent@btinternet.com](mailto:cjane.kent@btinternet.com)) or Karen Cox ([Rupert.cox@btinternet.com](mailto:Rupert.cox@btinternet.com)) to book your table. All proceeds will go to the church.

The Great Washbourne **SUMMER EVENT** will be held on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June, please put the date in to your diary, it would be lovely to see you there.

## **DUMBLETON**

**EASTER DAY SERVICE:** this will be at the earlier time of **9.30am in Dumbleton** (to fit in with Alderton having a service) and we would love you to join us.

Thanks are sent to everyone who supported our recent FUNdraising events. It is with pleasure that we can report the amounts raised were; Lent Lunch 8th March £199 and Film Night 13th March £105.

At the church service on March 20th the collection for Marie Curie amounted to £222.50p and this will be forwarded to the charity which gives care and support through terminal illness.

**PLATINUM JUBILEE Of HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.** There is to be a **CELEBRATION AFTERNOON TEA** at 3-5pm on **SUNDAY 5th JUNE** to mark this historic occasion. It is to be held hopefully on the Green by the church with the refreshments provided by the P.C.C. and Dumbleton W.I. plus any volunteers. There will be more information next month but **PLEASE** note the date in your **DIARIES**. We really want you to be there.

Can you spare an hour or two "on **SATURDAY 2nd APRIL** to help to **SRING CLEAN** our church in readiness for Easter. We will be there from 10.30am for two hours and would really appreciate your help as "many hands make light work". Refreshments will be served.

From the Registers. Baptism 27th March, Ophelia Leighton **SHRIMPTON-ROBERTS**

## **WORMINGTON**

**WVS EASTER EGG HUNT** Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2.00-4.00pm Please register at St Katharine's Church between 2.00 and 3.30pm for instructions

**Wormington PCC AGM Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 6pm** in church - all are welcome to attend.

**CHURCH SPRING CLEAN** A list of spring-cleaning jobs is on the table by the memorial plaque in the church. We welcome as many volunteers as possible to come and help the regulars to give St Katharine's a spruce up! Please put your name against jobs you are able to do.

**FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS** for Easter would be welcomed on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April

# SERVICES FOR APRIL 2022

## Lectionary Year C

3 <sup>rd</sup> April 1 <sup>st</sup> Sun Lent 5 Passiontide begins Purple	9.00am GT WASHBOURNE Lent HC	10.30am DUMBLETON Lent HC	Isaiah 43.16-21 Philippians 3.4b-14 John 12.1-8
10 April 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun Palm Sunday Purple	9.00am WORMINGTON	10.30am ALDERTON	Palm Gospel Luke 19.28-40 Passion Reading – Luke 22.14-23.56
14 April Maundy Thursday	Maundy Thursday Eucharist – 11.00am Gloucester Cathedral All are welcome		
15 April Good Friday		2.00pm Meditation WORMINGTON	From Mark's Gospel
17 April EASTER DAY	9.00am GT WASHBOURNE Easter FC 9.00am WORMINGTON Easter FC	9.30am DUMBLETON Easter FC 11.15am ALDERTON Easter FC	Isaiah 65.17-end Acts 10.34-43 John 20.1-18
24 April E2		10.30am ALDERTON PC CW	Revelation 1.4-8 Acts 5.27-32 John 20.19-end  6.00pm WORMINGTON Vestry Meeting followed by AGM [No Evensong]
1 May E3	9.00am GT WASHBOURNE PC TRAD	10.30am DUMBLETON PC CW	Revelation 5.11-end Acts 9.1-6, [7-20] John 21.1-19

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