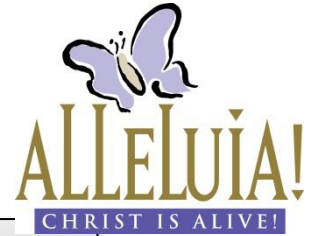


# NEWS FROM THE PEWS

'To know Christ and to make Him known'



The United Benefice of Mears Ashby, Hardwick and Sywell with Overstone.

April 14<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday; April 21<sup>st</sup> Easter Sunday

Welcome to our Service.

If you are visiting the Benefice, we welcome you and invite you to make yourself known to Revd Katrina or a member of the team. We hope that you enjoy our service and would direct you to our website [www.mearsashbygroup.org.uk](http://www.mearsashbygroup.org.uk) to find out more about the life of our churches.

Palm Sunday 14th April	9.00am	St Leonard's, Hardwick	Morning Worship
	11.00am	St Nicholas, Overstone	Family Communion with Lilac the donkey
	6.00pm	Earls Barton	Stainer's Crucifixion

See over for Holy Week Services

Easter Sunday 21st April	8.00am	St Leonard's, Hardwick	Communion with hymns
	9.30am	All Saints, Mears Ashby	Communion with hymns
	11.00am	Ss Peter and Paul, Sywell	Communion with songs and hymns
Sunday 28th April	9.00am	All Saints, Mears Ashby	Holy Communion with hymns
	11.00am	St Nicholas, Overstone	Family Communion
	6.00pm	St Leonard's, Hardwick	Evensong with hymns

May you journey well through Holy Week and be filled with the joy in meeting the risen Lord on Easter Day!  
God bless - Revd Katrina.

**Information for the newsletter to Tony (tony70jema@gmail.com) by Wednesday please. Thank you.**

## Morning and Communion Readings

April 14<sup>th</sup> Luke 19: 28-40; Isaiah 50: 4-9a  
Passion Reading Luke 23: 1-49  
April 21<sup>st</sup> Acts 10: 34-43; John 20: 1-18  
April 28<sup>th</sup> Acts 5: 27-32; John 20: 19-end

## PRAYERS PLEASE

Please pray for all our families and friends within the Benefice, especially for those finding life difficult, who are ill, those waiting for surgery and those who have just undergone surgery. Please hold the Pierpoint family in your prayers following Margaret's death.

## SAUSAGE & MASH EVENING

on St. George's Day

Tuesday 23 April 2019 - 6.30pm for 7pm  
in Sywell Village Hall

Come and enjoy a supper of sausage and mash followed by a choice of desserts. Bring your own drinks.

Tickets: Adults £5, children £3

Available from Sharon Hammond (07803367439)

## Diary – Forthcoming Events

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm Compline, Hardwick.  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2.00pm Lent Conversations, Paul and Jane's, Sywell.  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm Compline, Mears Ashby.  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm Reflective Service, Sywell.  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm Holy Communion, Mears Ashby.  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 10.00am Messy Easter, Overstone.  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 12.30pm Soup Lunch, Hardwick.  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2.00pm An Hour by the Cross, Hardwick.  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 6.30pm St George's Day Supper, Sywell.  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm Easter Conversations, Hardwick.  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2.00pm Easter Conversations, Paul and Jane's, Sywell  
Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 10.00am Coffee Morning, Mears Ashby.  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm Easter Conversations, Hardwick.  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 7.00pm Benefice Meeting, Hardwick.  
Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2.00pm Spring Fayre, Hardwick.  
Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 11am – 4.30pm – Hardwick Happy Hens Open Day.

## HOLY WEEK

Monday 7.30pm Compline, Hardwick.  
 Tuesday 7.30pm Compline, Mears Ashby.  
 Wednesday 7.30pm Reflective Service, Sywell.  
 Maundy Thursday 7.30pm Holy Communion, Mears Ashby.  
 Good Friday 10.00am Messy Easter, Overstone.  
 Good Friday 12.30pm Soup Lunch, Hardwick  
 Good Friday 2pm an Hour by the Cross, Hardwick



**PALM SUNDAY**  
**STAINER'S CRUCIFIXION**  
 All Saints, Earls Barton  
 6.00PM

**Messy Easter**

Good Friday – 19 April 2019  
 10am Overstone Church

Crafts \*\*\* Easter Story \*\*\* Easter Eggs \*\*\* Snacks  
 Families welcome! Come and celebrate.

**Reflections on Easter**  
 Experience the events of Holy Week through Bible readings and prayers, reflective activities and music.

Wednesday 17 April 2019  
 7.30pm - Sywell Church

## EASTER DAY CELEBRATIONS

### ALLELULIA HE IS RISEN

8.00am Hardwick, Communion with hymns.  
 9.30am Mears Ashby, Communion with hymns.  
 11.00am Sywell, Communion with songs and hymns followed by Easter egg hunt.

## Lent and Easter Conversations

### *On the Third Day*

The resurrection is the Big Story that turned a little Jewish protest movement into a world transforming religion. And yet, by Easter Monday we've almost forgotten about it and are planning our summer holidays. Our Lent and Easter Conversations will help us re-capture the explosive power of the resurrection... re-ignite its glow in our hearts... and, encourage us to live each day as Easter people.

Evening conversations will take place on Wednesday evenings, 7.30pm at Hardwick Village Hall, NN9 5AL. Here are the remaining dates....

Wednesday 24 April 2019 - 7.30pm	Celebrating and praying Easter
Wednesday 8 May 2019 - 7.30pm	A risen Church

Sessions will be led by Revd Katrina and/or Tony Edwards with the help of resources designed by York Courses. All are welcome. Conversations will be relaxed and informal, and include a drink or two.

**Daytime** courses will take place on the following Tuesday afternoons, 2.00pm at Jane and Paul's (67 Overstone Road, Sywell). The remaining Tuesday dates are 16 April and 30 April and will be led by Revd Katrina and/or Jane and Paul Groom.

**Any questions?** Contact Revd Katrina, Tony Edwards, Jackie Prime or Jane/Paul Groom.

