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A little optimism in spring!
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Prayer Diary

For your prayers in April

Aston The residents of Willow Park Way, Holly Court, Mulberry Way, Fleetwood Drive, Chester Close, Aires Hollow and The Richmond Village.

Barrow The residents of Club Lane and The Nook. Also, the Friends of St.Wilfrid's.

Elvaston The residents of The Pinfold and Sturges Lane, Thulston.

Shardlow The residents of Cowlshaw Close and Wakelyn Close.

Swarkestone The residents of Swarkestone Road.

Twyford The residents of Stenson.

Weston The residents of Forrester Avenue. The Friends of St.Mary's.

The Community Local shops and businesses.

The Diocese The Hardwick Deanery. The Mothers' Union.

The Worldwide Church The Anglican Provinces of The Indian Ocean, Ireland, Japan and Jerusalem & The Middle East.

Steve writes

It is a privilege for me to be following in the steps of the wonderful Mike Firbank as the new area dean of Mercia. I want to say a huge thank you to Mike as he steps down from the role (remaining as vicar in the Swadminster' team) after four years.

It's also really good to welcome the Revd Nick Parish, who I know well from my parish in Repton, as he begins a 3 month fulltime placement in the benefice (April, May and June). Welcome, Nick

Hopefully, by the time you read this, your fantastic team of benefice wardens and representatives will be looking forward to the interviews for your next rector. My prayers continue.

Without scrolling down too far, can you name this film from the opening monologue quote?

"Whenever I get gloomy with the state of the world, I think about the arrivals gate at Heathrow Airport. General opinion's starting to make out that we live in a world of hatred and greed, but I don't see that. It seems to me that love is everywhere. Often, it's not particularly dignified or newsworthy, but it's always there – fathers and sons, mothers and daughters, husbands and wives, boyfriends, girlfriends, old friends. When the planes hit the Twin Towers, as far as I know, none of the phone calls from the people on board were messages of hate or revenge – they were all messages of love. If you look for it, I've got a sneaky feeling love, actually ... is all around."

Of course, many will no doubt recognise Hugh Grant's words from the fabulous 2003 film, 'Love Actually'. As we approach Easter 2025, perhaps we need to be reminded, too, that despite appearances to the contrary at times, love is indeed 'all around.'?

What we celebrate at Easter is that, in and through Jesus Christ, love bursts from the tomb defeating death and sin and opening up for us the gateway to the new life of Heaven. Even when it seemed so unlikely after Jesus' betrayal, desertion, arrest, mock trial and execution...love still wins. It is the love that (to quote St Paul) 'is patient...is kind; It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.'

May that love be ours this Easter and always, actually!

Steve

Benefice News

If you would like to receive a copy of the magazine by email rather than in a hard copy please contact me on the email address below and I will send you one. (There is no charge for this, but a donation to your local church would be appreciated)

Please inform me of any detail changes for contacts that are listed on pages 16 and 17

All material for the **May 2025** edition of the magazine to be sent to Joe Nutman at jnutman@btinternet.com by **April 20** please.

200 Club Lottery

The winning numbers in the March draw of the 200 club were:

1st - 133 (Aston), 2nd - 58 (Aston), 3rd - 79 (Weston).

Parish Vacancy Update

There were no applications for the vacancy by the closing date of the advertisement. Apparently this is not uncommon!! We have to wait a few weeks and then the advert can be run again. This continues until we get an applicant. So in the mean time it is a case of carry on as we are!

We are grateful for the presence of Rev Nick Parish in the benefice for 3 months from April 1. He will be taking a good number of services throughout the benefice during his time with us.

From the Registers:

Barrow

Funeral: March 7 Michael Trevor Weeks aged 78 At Trent Valley Crem



Shardlow

Funeral: Christopher Anthony Egan, aged 71, on March 14th 2025

also Bernard Bennett whose funeral was held elsewhere



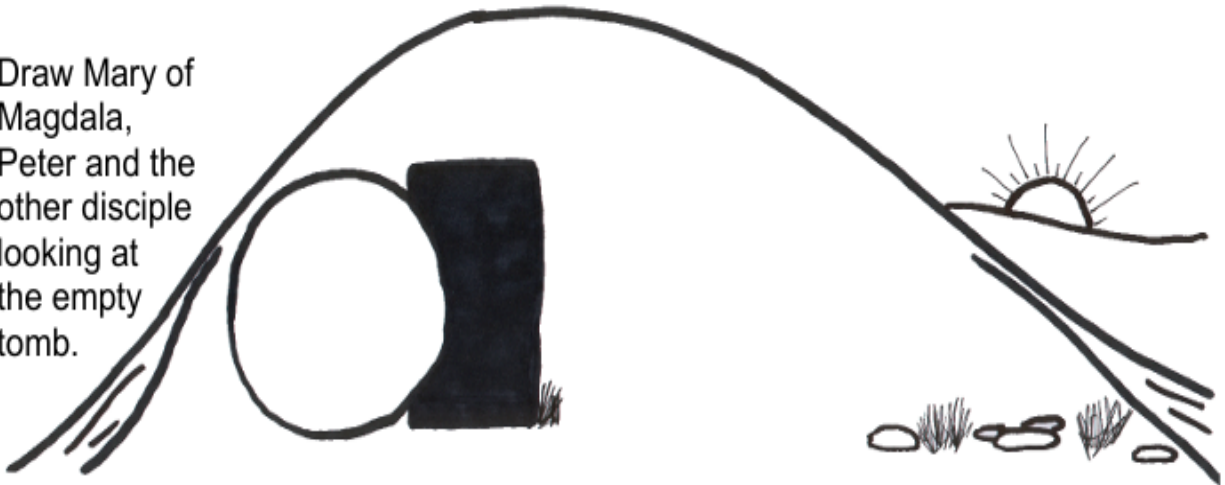
CHILDREN'S PAGE

A VERY SPECIAL DAY EASTER SUNDAY

1. One of the disciples who saw the empty tomb.
2. We remember this special day every _____.
3. Easter is when Jesus _____ from the dead.
4. All this happened on the _____ day of the week.
5. The tomb was covered by a big round _____.
6. _____ of Magdala was the first person to see the empty tomb.



Draw Mary of Magdala, Peter and the other disciple looking at the empty tomb.



ALLELUIA



The Wednesday Morning Hub in March will be as follows:

2nd April 9.30 Holy Communion and from 10.30 am: Open Book - Bible Exploration

9th April from 10.00am: Open Cafe — Social

16th April 9.30 Holy Communion and from 10.30 am: Open Book - Bible Exploration

23rd April from 10.00am: Open Cafe — Social

30th April from 10.00am: Open Cafe — Social

Aston Community Choir meets on Monday evenings at 7.00 pm in the Heritage Centre.

The Bellringers meet on Monday evenings at 8.00 pm.



Services at All Saints' church this Easter

April 13 Palm Sunday: Family Worship at 10.30

April 14, 15, 16 : Compline at 6.45pm

April 17 Maundy Thursday : Holy Communion at 7.30pm

April 18 Good Friday : 'The last Hour' at 2,00pm

April 19 Easter Eve : Service of Light at 9.00pm

April 20 Easter Sunday : Holy Communion at 10.30

CAMEO

Our March meeting was a huge success. We had an excellent talk from Catrin Rutland - she was amazing with her knowledge of our Anatomy and that of animals .

Lots of scientific research does go on behind closed doors to help us and animals .

There are still not as many women becoming Professors in Science and Veterinary medicine. Catrin also gives talks in school to help children learn about Anatomy and she has published books for children and adults .

Our next Cameo meeting 2nd April in the Heritage Centre Aston-on-Trent DE72 2DH will be an Easter Craft ☺ . Please come along at 7.30pm. Sub £3 tea/ coffee biscuit.

Once again, if anyone wishes to take over the organisation of Cameo in September, please get in touch with me Marion Glover 01332 792405

Aston on Trent Women's Institute

It's wonderful to see our daffodils swaying in the spring breeze, a reminder that the effort we put into planting the bulbs last autumn has truly paid off. We'll continue planting daffodils along the verges for the next five years as we approach our 100th Birthday. To ensure the continued success of our WI, which currently boasts over seventy members, we need new committee members. Without a committee, we won't have a WI, and we won't be able to celebrate our milestone anniversary. If you're interested in joining the committee, please speak with a current committee member. Our AGM will be held on 13th May.

Our Soup and Pud Lunch at 12pm was a great success, and we're grateful to everyone who contributed with delicious puddings and those who came along to enjoy a hearty meal. Our next fundraising event will be Coffee & JOKE on 1st April – we hope to see you there!

Some of our members recently enjoyed an evening at the Duchess Theatre in Long Eaton, watching *Evita*. The experience was made even more special when we discovered live musicians hidden in a large cubbyhole at the back of the theatre, skilfully following the stage via a video link. A big thank you to Jenny for organising this memorable outing.

Looking ahead to our summer holiday, we'll be heading to Arundel, Sussex, with a day trip to Brighton on Saturday, 6th September. If you're interested in joining us, please let either Jenny or Anne know.

We meet at the Memorial Hall on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM.

Dates for your diary: -

Tuesday 1st April 10:30-12:00: Coffee & Chat in The Heritage Centre.

29th April: Tour of Swarkestone Nursery.

5th – 7th September 2025: WI Holiday to Arundel Sussex.

29th October 2025: Riverdance trip.

Mothers' Union

After another good meeting, this time with the Dean's wife, when she talked about "My family and miracles" we saw pictures of where her grandfather was a missionary in Burundi.

On the Thursday after Easter we look forward to an afternoon with Rev. John Lear. He plans to talk about Oberammergau and the visit he and Gill made to see the Passion Play, and we hope he will include a piece of his favourite music. The date is Thursday April 24th, and our meetings take place at All Saints' Heritage Centre at 2.30pm. We always welcome visitors. We have been pleased to see some new regular ones recently.

At a recent committee we decided we needed to raise a little more money to add to the funds and the MU charities we support, so it was decided to have a card tombola occasionally, with the first one at the next meeting, April 24th. Good gifts are needed please, value £2 - £3 and we will charge £2 a turn with a prize every time.

We have been fortunate during the Vacancy to have helpful priests and Readers taking our services, together with the brilliant Aston Team. We are also grateful to Rev. Nick Parish who will help for several weeks, including some of the Easter services.

When he recently came to talk to MU, Bishop Peter Fox offered to take the Service of Light. This is a very special service held on the evening before Easter Day where the whole church is gradually filled with light and leading to the first Holy Communion of Easter. We shall be pleased to welcome Bishop Peter again, remembering his fascinating talk about Papua New Guinea



All Saints' Gardening Group

Over the winter months a group of willing volunteers meets at the churchyard to do some basic gardening tasks, - removing ivy from the perimeter wall, clearing grass around grave stones, general tidying up.

The two fine young ladies in the picture were busydoing what exactly? Can you write a suitable caption for this picture? If you have a bright idea, email it to me at jnutman@btinternet.com for inclusion in the May edition!!



CHICKEN & BROCCOLI

- 4 tbsp Double cream
- 4 – 6 Chicken pieces
- 8 oz Broccoli
- 10 ½ fl oz Condensed chicken soup
- 4 tbsp Mayonnaise
- ½ - 1 tsp Curry powder
- 2 oz Cheddar cheese

Preheat oven 375°F Gas mark 5

- Arrange chicken and broccoli in oven-proof dish.
- Mix soup, mayonnaise, cream and curry powder in bowl.
- Spoon over chicken and sprinkle cheese over the top.
- Bake for 30 minutes or until browned.



The Friends of St Wilfrid events

We continue a large programme of events in 2025 that we hope will appeal to many people.

In addition to the usual programme of heritage events, we have arranged, by popular demand, a First Aid Course in St Wilfrid's Church in June. The previous course four years ago was very popular, and includes lots of really helpful, and potential life-saving, training. Please email to book a place.

Our usual, very popular, performances from Lesley Smith and Gareth Williams will continue this year. Our first is an evening with Boudicca. This will be followed by Richard III and Katherine Swynford later in the summer. If you have not yet attended one of these evenings, they are spellbinding, and made even more popular by the prosecco and chocolate included in the ticket. Other performances will take place later in the year. Bookings at stwilfridsbarrow@gmail.com.

A series of Heritage Talks will also take place again on the first Wednesday of each month between April and October. The talks range from gory deaths to the Staffordshire Hoard (given by the man who was in charge of cleaning and curating it at the British Museum).

Our first talk is on Wednesday 2nd April at 7.00pm, and will be a talk by Dr Steve Tibble about "Crusader Criminals".

There is no need to book for the talks evenings, just turn up on the day.

— BARROW UPON TRENT HERITAGE EVENTS —

SPRING DIARY

St Wilfrid's Church, Church Lane, Barrow upon Trent. DE73 7HB

APRIL - JULY EVENTS

Events start at 7.30pm. Tickets: £15 - includes a glass of prosecco and chocolate. To book, please email stwilfridsbarrow@gmail.com

Boudicca - with Lesley Smith Friday 16 May
The story of Boudicca, although much of it is cloaked in poor evidence is still extraordinary. This inspiring and mighty Queen was on a mission of revenge for the rape of her daughters and possessed an absolute determination to teach the Romans on her land a sharp lesson.

Richard III - with Gareth Williams Friday 18 July
Richard III is one of the most controversial figures in British history, seen by some as a ruthless murderer and by others as the innocent victim of Tudor propaganda. This portrayal shows Richard the night before Bosworth, looking back on his life and considering whether or not he has done enough to earn God's support against Henry Tudor the following morning.

TALKS

Talks start at 7pm. Tickets: £4 - including tea and coffee. No need to book.

Wednesday 2 April
Crusader criminals
Dr Steve Tibble explores the criminal underbelly of the crusades. From gangsters and bandits to muggers and pirates, Steve presents extraordinary evidence of an illicit underworld in the Holy Land.

Wednesday 7 May
The origins of a surname
John Titterton looks at surname origins and distribution, and explains how a surname origin can be pinpointed statistically.

Wednesday 4 June
The Staffordshire Hoard
Dr Gareth Williams tells us the story of the exciting discovery, appraisal, and curation of the Anglo-Saxon Staffordshire Hoard.

Wednesday, 2 July
Hung, Drawn and Quartered - the history of capital punishment
Eddie Smallwood recounts the history of the death penalty used in England from boiling, axe, sword, flame, weights, wheel, rope, and firing squad. (Warning - some gory details!)

WORKSHOP

Saturday 14 June - 10.30am
First Aid Course

First Aid is important for us all. This St John's Ambulance course, delivered in St Wilfrid's Church, will give you the confidence and information to help in most situations.

Price: £20 per person

To book, please email: stwilfridsbarrow@gmail.com

FILM NIGHTS

JUNE

5	Shirley Valentine
12	The Da Vinci Code
19	Shadowlands
26	Close Encounters of the Third Kind

JULY

3	Mona Lisa Smile
10	The Lady in the Van
17	Miss Potter
24	Gladiator
31	Jane Eyre

Feel free to bring your own refreshments!

— BARROW UPON TRENT HERITAGE EVENTS PRESENT —

BOUDICCA

With Lesley Smith

FRIDAY 16 MAY 2025 | 7.30PM | TICKETS £15

Ticket includes a glass of prosecco and lovely chocolate

The story of Boudicca, although much of it is cloaked in poor evidence is still extraordinary. Britannia was a remote outpost of the Roman Empire and in the early years of Roman occupation was still divided into many Celtic tribal kingdoms. Among these, in the part that we now know as East Anglia, was the kingdom of the Iceni, whose warrior queen Boudicca stood against the Roman invaders when her male counterparts were too weak to do so.

This inspiring and mighty Queen was on a mission of revenge for the rape of her daughters and possessed an absolute determination to teach the Romans on her land a sharp lesson. Gathering support from other Celtic tribes, the red-headed queen swept across eastern England, and came close to driving the Romans out altogether. In the end she fell, but her glorious rebellion sent shock waves across the mighty Roman Empire.


This is her story.



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— BARROW UPON TRENT HERITAGE EVENTS PRESENT —

RICHARD III

With Gareth Williams

FRIDAY 18 JULY 2025 | 7.30PM | TICKETS £15

Ticket includes a glass of prosecco and lovely chocolate

The night before Bosworth

Richard III is one of the most controversial figures in British history, seen by some as a ruthless murderer and by others as the innocent victim of Tudor propaganda. The last English king to be killed in battle, his death at the battle of Bosworth in 1485 has often been viewed as the end of the Middle Ages, and the beginning of the Modern period.

This costumed portrayal by historian Dr Gareth Williams shows Richard the night before Bosworth, looking back on his life and considering whether or not he has done enough to earn God's support against Henry Tudor the following morning. The costumed performance is followed by a discussion of the historical evidence on which it is based, and why the surviving evidence has led to such divergent interpretations of this important historical figure.



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Flvaston



Prayers

We remember all who are sick or troubled at this time, especially we pray for Terry Marshall.

Services

Sunday April 20th 10.30am Easter Holy Communion with Rev. Stephen Ridley

A blessed and joyous Easter to all

Shardlow



PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers, Molly Keogh, Mavis Foster, Sarah Simpson, Christine and John Wharton, Julia Gillard and Robert Wood.

Departed

Bernard (Barney) Bennett. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mrs Bennett and Jenny and all their family and friends on the sad loss of Barney. We remember with affection the sight of Barney cycling to the post office for many years, and when he joined us with Jenny at Services.

SERVICES

Easter Day Sunday 20th April 10-30am, Family Worship with Alison Henshaw.

Many thanks to Rev. Neil Broadbent for leading us in a very inspiring Service on March 16th.

Church Annual Meeting

The Shardlow APCM will take place in The Hayward Room, Shardlow Church on Friday 4th April at 10-30am.

Everyone is very welcome to come along.

COFFEE MORNING

Many thanks to all who supported the February coffee morning, the sum of £55-60 was raised for church funds. The next coffee morning is on Saturday 26th April from 10-00am till 11-30am and everyone is very welcome.

Many thanks to everyone who work so hard in any way at St. James' especially during the vacancy. We welcome anyone who would like to join in and offer any help.

Shardlow Heritage Trust AGM

Everyone is invited to the Shardlow Heritage Centre on

Sunday 13 April at 3.00pm for the AGM.

Further information: ring Sheila 01332 792489



Swarkestone



Palm Sunday April 13th – 10.30 am

Minister:- Rev Nick Parish

Readers:- Laura Howarth & Peter Cooper

Church Cleaning:- Laura Howarth & Ann Worrall

Welcomers/Sidespersons:- Ann Worrall & Pauline Sims

Easter Sunday April 20th – 10.30 am

Minister:- Amanda Sandland

Readers:- Jayne Williamson & Ted Lawrence

Church Cleaning & Decorating Church for Easter :- Jane & John Warnock and volunteers

Welcomers/Sidespersons:- Wendy Crocker & Alison Langton

Please remember in your prayers – Barbara Foster, Jill Malpass, June Thompson, the Warnock family, Ted Lawrence & Ann Morton.

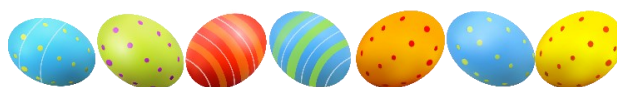
Easter at St James'

We are fortunate to be able to have a service on consecutive Sundays in April this year. On Palm Sunday we are excited to welcome Rev Nick Parish who has joined the Trent & Derwent Benefice for a three-month placement. Nick has worked with several churches in the Derby area and lives locally, so he is familiar with the geography of the Benefice. He will be taking services throughout the Benefice including the United Benefice service on 6th April at Aston.

Our Easter Sunday service of Family Worship will be lead by Amanda Sandland who is a Reader based at St Peter's Chellaston.

We will be decorating the church for Easter on Saturday 19th April at 10 am, all volunteers are welcome to join us. Its always a lovely creative morning, with lots of laughter and light refreshments provided to keep us going!

We look forward to seeing you and celebrating Easter together



St James' PCC AGM

Our AGM was a great opportunity to share reports and news from the PCC with members of the congregation. We were able to talk about what had happened in 2024 and how we have been managing to maintain our church without a resident incumbent since Tony retired in September. Normal services have continued, a large amount of work on the tower has been completed successfully, the church has been kept clean and tidy, weddings and funerals have been held, plus all the other normal aspects of life at St James' have happened thanks to the wonderful group of helpers and volunteers who have supported the PCC over the year. Thank you to everyone for making St James' a safe, friendly and welcoming church.

All members of the PCC will be continuing in their roles, however new faces are always welcome to observe what happens at meetings and can be co-opted as a member at any time of the year. Our next meeting is on April 9th at 7.30pm in the Harpur Room.

Jwyford

Flowers: Anne Bennett



Have you ever wondered who started the trend of tucking into chocolate-shaped eggs on Easter Sunday?

It was during the 19th century that the Fry family of Bristol ran the largest chocolate factory in the world and produced the first chocolate egg, in 1873. It was two years later in 1875 that saw Cadbury's make their first Easter egg.

Cadbury's makes 500 million Creme Eggs every year! If you piled them on top of each other, it would be 10 times higher than Mount Everest.

The Birmingham factory produces 1.5 million Creme Eggs every day, and the Creme Egg is the most popular egg-shaped chocolate in the world.



St Mary the Virgin.

Weston on Trent



WESTON ON TRENT WI LATEST NEWS.

The beautiful snowdrops planted by our late friends, Margaret & Ken Boyce, made their usual springtime stunning display.

At our recent March meeting of Weston WI, 2 of our members, Jo Mathews and Jo Cooke, gave us a talk on their experience of a charity bike ride from Vietnam to Cambodia, cycling a total distance of 450 km across difficult terrain. Their efforts were supporting the charity Women V Cancer, so far they have raised £3,760.



A number of scouts and their families from Derby 107 troop, which welcomes young people from Aston, Weston, and Shardlow, came to St Mary's to help, working towards their help in the community badges and did a fantastic job of clearing the path and the gully.

A big thank you from all at St Mary's.



Have you ever noticed that all instruments searching for intelligent life...



Are pointed away from Earth



Whenever my wife uses the phrase:

"I Was Thinking."



That means I have to move, build, paint, or buy something.



*The TEACHER
The RESILIENT SPIRIT
The PROUD GRANDMOTHER*

My name is Victoria Rodgers, though most people call me Vicky. I grew up as an only child, which fostered a close bond with my parents and encouraged me to develop strong friendships.

I attended Leavington College for Girls, which set the stage for my future. After university, I became a teacher, spending many years at St. Joseph's Convent, where my daughter also studied. My childhood included special moments like trips to Paris with my father and memorable school plays such as A Midsummer Night's Dream. I found joy in St John Ambulance Cadets, and later, my teaching career focused on science, with a bit of English due to my love for drama.

I married Roger, and we had two wonderful children. After his passing from Leukaemia, I found a second chance of happiness with Stan, who I met through lawn bowls. We enjoyed 15 happy years together before he passed. After some health challenges, I moved to Richmond Villages, where the care and community has been a great comfort. My family is my greatest pride, especially moments like my granddaughter Darcy's flute performance here at the village.

At 80, I believe in looking forward and embracing life's changes. Richmond Villages has given me a reason to keep going, with its welcoming environment and caring staff. My advice to others is to find joy in every moment and never give up on life's opportunities.

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SERVICES IN APRIL

	Readings	Aston	Barrow	Elvaston	Shardlow	Swarkestone	Twyford	Weston
Wed 2 April		9.30 HC Nick 6.45 Evening Prayer						
6 April Lent 5	Isaiah 43. 16-21 John 12. 1-8	10.30 UBS HC Nick						
Wed 9 April		6.45 Compline						
13 April Palm Sunday	Luke 19. 28-40 Phil. 2. 5-11	10.30 FW Bruce	10.30 MP Barrow Team			10.30 HC Nick		
Mon 14 April		6.45 Compline						
Tues April 15		6.45 Compline						
Wed 16 April		6.45 Compline						
Thurs April 17 Maundy Thursday		7.30 HC Nick						
Fri April 18 Good Friday		2.00pm Last Hour Nick						
Saturday 19 April		9.00pm Service of Light Bishop Peter Fox						
20 April Easter Sunday	Acts 10. 34-43 John 20. 1-18	10.30 HC Susie Curtis	10.30 HC by extension Bruce	10.30 HC Rev Stephen Ridley	10.30 FW Alison Henshaw	10.30FW Amanda Sandland	3.00pm HC by extension Bruce	10.30 HC. V Rev Jerry Lepine
Wed 23 April		9.30 HC Nick 6.45 Compline						
27 April 2 nd of Easter	Acts 5. 27-32 John 20. 19-end	Aston Team FW			12.00 Baptism Rev. Sue Leather			

HC = Holy Communion, FC=Family Communion, MP=Morning Prayer, ES=Evensong, FW=Family Worship, Ext. HC = Holy Communion by Extension, UBS = United Beneficence Service