

Burpham & Wepham News



The Monthly Newsletter of the village of Burpham & Wepham

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From the Vicarage - April 2019

Dear Friends,

During an enjoyable weekly hour over a cup of delicious coffee at the George each Monday morning throughout Lent we have been giving some thought to the meaning of what it is to live life as a Christian.



Those thoughts centre on the 'founder' of our Christian faith, the human person who was Jesus Christ. Over the Easter weekend, millions of people across the world will enjoy a holiday in celebration – but of what? For Christians Easter Day recalls the miraculous resurrection of the man Jesus. But there is much more to Jesus' life than Easter Day. In Holy Week, Christians re-live the drama of Jesus' last earthly journey which took him to the cross on Good Friday. For some that was a symbol of defeat, for others an end to a troublesome Jewish Rabbi who claimed to be the Son of God. But when Jesus' friends



went to the tomb at the end of the Sabbath day they were expecting to find a dead body - but they found an empty tomb.



Many efforts have been made since to explain and dismiss the witness and experience of Jesus' disciples and close friends -

men and women - but despite the most rigorous examination of the facts over the centuries no one has been able to offer a convincing set of arguments to dismiss their claims. But more than 2000 years later the Christian faith has grown to be the largest single faith group in the world.



Whatever we believe, there can be little doubt that the close friends and disciples of Jesus were convinced that, despite all efforts of the authorities to get rid of Jesus, their efforts failed. That is why we celebrate Easter Sunday with all sorts of symbols of new life and new birth - eggs, baby chicks, lambs, flowers and lighted candles. Our

21st century minds demand a rational answer to all questions and all events, indeed those first century Christians couldn't describe their experience fully either. What is obvious is that in Jesus they had found someone who they loved profoundly and who loved them.

Christian lives are grounded in the hope that Jesus gave us through their testimony. Love, we believe, will always be more powerful than evil. There are many opportunities throughout Holy Week and on Easter Sunday to experience worship in our churches. Times and services are set out below and are on the church notice board and village website. You will be most welcome wherever you choose to be. As we celebrate together, I pray that you too will experience something of the wonder and mystery of Easter. It's worth a try!

I join with all our PCC members to wish you all a very happy and joy filled Easter.

With love and blessings, *Celia* Priest in charge; Parishes of Burpham St Mary and Poling St Nicholas, Reverend Celia Woodruff: celia.woodruff1@gmail.com
Tel. 07807 899119

Electoral Role forms: Thank you to all who have completed and returned an electoral role application form. The new list of names will be displayed at St Mary's from 1st April 2019 for 2 weeks. If you wish to be on the role, but have not yet completed a form, please drop your form into the vicarage or leave it in the box provided in church, and we will add your name in due course. Thank you, **Celia**

VILLAGE EVENTS - APRIL

Village Fete 1st June: Our second Fete Meeting went well, and we now have enough outside stalls for the event. We do, however, require village volunteers to help us on the day, and we would like to have more village stalls - if you, or a family member, have a hobby/craft etc that is appropriate, then please let us know. Or, perhaps someone would like to undertake '*Guess the /weight of the Cake*' or '*How many sweets in the Jar*' - some fun games to add to the afternoon. Open to all ideas and offers of help, please **contact Heather on 882839**.

Decorating the Church for Easter: Saturday 20th April at 10.00am. Please help us to decorate the Church, flowers will be provided, please come with greenery and secateurs. Join us for a social morning with coffee and seasonal fare. All very welcome, no experience required. Any further information from **Gill 883667**



Village Companions Entertainment.

- **Thursday 4th April - Arundel Players The 39 Steps.** The 39 Steps is a fast paced comedy whodunit adapted from the 1915 novel by John Buchan and the 1935 film by Alfred Hitchcock. Tickets have been purchased for those who replied to the e mail. If you wish to join the party please buy your own ticket and let me know if you manage to get one. Cost is £11 each. **William 884337**
- **Tuesday 4th June at 7.30pm, Connaught Theatre, Worthing: The House On Cold Hill,** a chilling and suspenseful ghost story from the multi-million copy bestselling author Peter James. The price is reduced from £31 to £29 for centre seats, or £25 for the side aisle. Please would you let us know if you would like to go to this gripping thriller as soon as possible. Tickets are selling fast, so please don't delay. Many thanks, **Bob & Gill 883667**



Burpham Stoolball Club's Annual Jumble Sale:

Saturday 6th April at 2.00pm in the Village Hall. If you

have any jumble or bric-a-brac you would like to donate, please bring it along to the Hall on the day, or if you want

it collected please ring Julie or Vanessa. Please come along and support us - if you

would rather not buy back your jumble, have a go at our raffle or buy a cake! **Many**

thanks BSC - Julie 883053 & Vanessa 885895



Quiz Night at The George, Wednesday 10th April at 8.30pm: All

welcome, Special Affordable Menu and Affordable Wines. Please see enclosed

flyer for more! **We look forward to seeing you, Holly 883131**

First Aid Training: Thursday 11th April at 6:45pm Village Hall.

Russell Hayler has kindly offered to run a First Aid training session to teach people basic techniques, including how to use a defibrillator, and CPR. As we have a defibrillator at the Village Hall, this could save a life. The session will start at 7.00pm and last about two hours, with time for questions afterwards. Please arrive at 6:45pm to get a cuppa and get seated. Places may

be limited, **so please contact burphamandwepham@gmail.com to book a place, or contact Jackie on 882160.**

Village Committee meeting: 16th April at 7:30pm in the Village hall. All are welcome. If you have any issues you'd like to raise, please notify **Jackie** burphamandwepham@gmail.com

A Thank You from Maurice Slattery: My sincere '*Thank You*' so much' to all those lovely and wonderful people who forwarded their condolences following the death of Jill. She loved her time at Burpham and Poling and would often reflect on the 'fun' that always lay just below the surface. With much love and gratitude, **Maurice & Marc Slattery**

Save the date. The next village walk will be on Saturday 18th May in the morning, with a new format - starting a short drive away, and probably finishing in a pub for refreshment. Details will be in the May newsletter. Contact Marion Tucker marion@mg-tucker.co.uk with any queries. **Marion**

Charity Night at The George: A Big Thank You! A full house at The George on 14th March ensured that we raised a record £7887 over the past year for our five local charities who were delighted. A big thank you to all those who donated prizes, bought raffle tickets and joined in the vigorous auction bidding....and thanks also to all the staff and chefs who worked so hard to make it such a successful and enjoyable evening. **Robert Essex**

Forthcoming Events

Sun 31 Mar	10.30am	Mothering Sunday	St Mary's
Thu 4 Apr	7.00pm	39 Steps, Priory Playhouse,	Arundel
Sat 6 Apr	2.00pm	Stool Ball Jumble Sale	Village Hall
Sun 7 Apr	10.30am	Family Service, Coffee & Produce	St Mary's
Wed 10 Apr	8.30pm	Quiz Night at the George	The George
Thu 11Apr	6.45pm	1st Aid Training, CPR, Defibrillator	Village Hall
Sun 14 Apr	10.30am	Palm Sunday Parish Eucharist	St Mary's
Tue 16 Apr	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Mary's
	7.30pm	Village Committee Meeting	Village Hall
Wed 17 Apr	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Mary's
Thu 18 Apr	7.30pm	Eucharist & Stripping of the Altar	St Mary's
Fri 19 Apr	10.30am	Good Friday Service	St Mary's
Sun 21 Apr	10.30am	Easter Service	St Mary's
Mon 28 Apr	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
Tue 30 Apr	6.30pm	Annual Church PCC Meeting	St Mary's

Please send your articles for the May Newsletter to **Bob Baynes** at Court Leet Cottage, or preferably by e mail to baynes755@btinternet.com by the last week of April. All your articles of interest to the Village are welcome. With very many thanks, **Bob Baynes**