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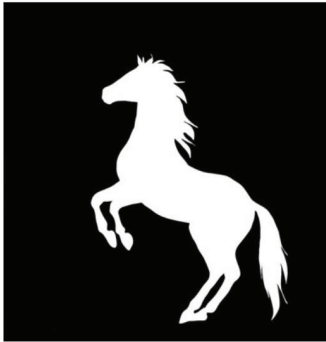
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Tuesdays	weekly	Termtime	9am-12	Post Office	Village Hall
Tuesdays	weekly		10am - 12	Coffee Morning	Village Hall
Thursday	26	March	12-2.30pm	Lent Lunch	Winterbourne Monkton
Wednesday	1	April	7.30pm	David Bailey 'Wild Homes'	Village Hall
Friday	3	April	6pm	Good Friday Evensong	St Peter ad Vincula
Saturday	4	April	10-11am Book	Bottomless Breakfast	The Crown
Sunday	5	April	10am	Easter Service & Egg Hunt	St Peter ad Vincula
Tuesday	7	April	7-9pm	Phil's Shed	Village Hall
Sunday	19	April	10am	Morning Prayer	St Peter ad Vincula
Saturday	25	April	6-9pm Book	Tapas	The Crown
Saturday	2	May	evening	Wine Tasting	Village Hall
Saturday	2	May	10-11am Book	Bottomless Breakfast	The Crown
Sunday	3	May	10am	Parish Communion	St Peter ad Vincula
Wednesday	13	May	7pm	Annual Parochial Church Meeting	Kennet Valley School
Saturday	16	May	6-8pm Book	Mexican Buffet	The Crown
Tuesday	19	May	7pm	Annual Parish Meeting	Village Hall
Friday	29	May	7.30pm	BHVH Volunteer Social	Village Hall
Saturday	13	June	save the date	Barn Dance	Village Hall
Saturday	13	June	7-11pm	Barn Dance	Village Hall
Saturday	11	July	4pm -12 ticket	Country Festival	The Crown
Saturday	18	July	5.30--11.30	Lumo Disco	The Crown
Saturday	19	September	save the date	Hackpen Beer & Gin festival	Village Hall
Saturday	5	December	save the date	Christmas Party	Village Hall

WASTE AND RECYCLING DATES

Thursday	26th	March	Garden Waste	Green Bin
Friday	27th	March	WB General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes
Monday	6th	April	General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes
Tuesday	7th	April	Household Waste	Black Bin
Thursday	9th	April	Garden Waste	Green Bin
Friday	10th	April	WB General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes
Monday	20th	April	General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes
Tuesday	21st	April	Household Waste	Black Bin
Thursday	23rd	April	Garden Waste	Green Bin
Friday	24th	April	WB General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes
Monday	4th	May	General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes

Dear All,

I'm writing this with the sound of bird song, the sight of nodding daffodils, sunshine and the promise of spring, how lovely.

What a fabulous response to the call for help cleaning up our Parish. There were about 50 volunteers who took up their litter pickers, their bin bags, donned hi-vis jackets and headed out to remove rubbish from the hedgerows, lanes and roadsides. Bacon butties were provided afterwards at The Crown, The Winterbourne and in Uffcott. Well done to all who helped, it makes a big difference. See photos in the Parish Council Newsletter page 17.

In these times of rising prices, the Village Hall are reducing theirs - hooray! See page 5 for more information.

There is a packed calendar for the coming few months, some highlights for April are The Crown's Bottomless Brunch on 4th April, and Tapas Evening on 25th, see page 9. There are several Easter Services, including an Easter Egg hunt see page 22.

On the subject of photographs, some wonderful

atmospheric pictures have been sent to us by Selkley Shuttters, our local photographic group see page 13. A talk by a wildlife photographer is on in the village hall this month, see opposite for details.

Liz

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Mark Wightman RIP

It is with great sadness that we at the Local News heard about the death of Mark Wightman, our friend and stalwart supporter. We will publish something to remember Mark in our next issue.

DAVID BAILEY

Renowned Wildlife Photographer

on

WEDNESDAY APRIL 1ST 2026 at 7.30

In Broad Hinton Village Hall

Will be giving a talk entitled

‘Wild Homes’

David’s PowerPoint presentation will captivate you with stunning visuals, captivating stories and insightful tips about wildlife photography and conservation. Whether you’re a photography enthusiast, a lover of nature or just looking for an inspiring evening David’s talk is not to be missed.

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VILLAGE HALL

APRIL NEWS



New Resident Hiring Rates

A 20% reduction & no deposit for residents for most events from 1st April!

Now, as a resident of one of our three villages, if you were to hire the main hall for three hours for a party, it would only cost £39, instead of £48 at the old rates.

The hall is ideal for your birthday or any other party, or how about hosting a dinner there – we have a beautifully equipped kitchen.

Here's a comparison of the old and new rates

Space	Old rates		New rates	
	Hourly	Daily	Hourly	Daily
Main Hall	£16	£160	£13	£130
Meeting Room	£13	£130	£10	£100
Both Rooms	£22	£220	£20	£200

You can find more details on our updated bookings pages on the website <https://broadhinton.org.uk/booking/>

We've also reduced hiring deposits on most resident bookings. Examples of no-deposit bookings are community group meetings, private parties, and regular social events or classes.

So book your Village Hall, visit the [calendar](#) and click on the date you're interested in. This will open our online booking system (Lemon Bookings) where you can see available times and make a booking. You can also book by emailing hallbookings@broadhinton.org.uk or calling 01793 296737.

Dates for your diary

Beer Festival Saturday 19th September – planning has begun

Christmas Party Saturday 5th December – more details to follow

Wine Tasting Saturday 2nd May last call for tickets, we have limited numbers available. Contact Sarah Kromer at tickets@broadhinton.org.uk or 07885 519221.

Volunteer Social Event

We've arranged this for Friday 29th May at 7:30pm, in the Village Hall. We'll be welcoming many of our current volunteers for drinks and a chat. If you're new to the community, in any of our three villages, and would like to come along and say hello, do join us then to hear more about our amazing community facility, we'd love to see you.

300 Club 2026

We still have a few 300 Club tickets available, get them while you can! If you sign up now, you can start halfway through the year. Three numbers cost £2.50 per month, a total cost of £30 for the year. There are fifteen numbers available for 2026. If you'd like any, contact Sarah Kromer at finance@broadhinton.org.uk or 07885 519221.

March 300 Club Winners

£50	212	Adam Gilmore
£25	31	Jon Candy
£20	26	Mark Miller
£20	208	Des Clark
£10	165	Romey Baker

May Hirings

No one-off hirings during May, just the regular events below.

Regular Events

What regular events go on in the Village Hall?

Weekly

Mondays; two Pilates classes 9:30am & 11am

Tuesdays

- Coffee Morning 10am-12 noon
- Post Office 9am-12 noon
- Northwood Ballet School various times, dependant on age-group

Thursdays; two Pilates classes 9:30am & 11am

Fridays

- Pilates class 9:30am
- Youth Club term times 7pm

Fortnightly on Wednesdays; Art Group

Monthly

- Tuesdays Phil's Shed next one 7th April 7pm
- Wednesdays Ridgeway Ladies next one 1st April 7:30pm

Throughout the year, the village hall also hosts:

- Book Café – next one Saturday 23rd May
- Farmer's Markets – next one Sunday 24th May

You can find details of most of these on the website broadhinton.org.uk/clubs/ and check dates on the calendar broadhinton.org.uk/booking/lemon-booking/



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**THE CROWN INN
BROAD HINTON**

TAPAS NIGHT

Saturday 25th April

£29 per person

Patatas Bravas

Seafood Paella

Banderillas Skewer

Abondigas / Lamb balls,
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4TH APRIL / 2ND MAY

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THE CROWN INN BROAD HINTON

COUNTRY FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 11TH OF JULY 4PM - MIDNIGHT

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£29 PER ADULT / £12.50 PER CHILD

BUDDY, THE SHETLAND PONY - 4PM - 7PM

LIVE MUSIC BY JUNKYARD DOGS - 7PM - 10PM

KIDS BOUNCY CASTLE

TUG OF WAR

BBQ BRISKET, SALAD BAR &

TRADITIONAL

PUDDING BUFFET





A festive poster for a barn dance. The background is a textured yellow. At the top, a string of red, orange, and blue triangular bunting hangs across the width. Two lanterns with orange flames are suspended from the string on the left and right. The main title 'ROUND UP FOR A BARN DANCE!' is in large, bold, red and black letters. Below this, a banner reads 'BROAD HINTON VILLAGE HALL'. Another banner below that says 'SAT. 13TH JUNE 2026'. Underneath is 'DOORS 7PM TO 11 PM'. To the left, a man in a vest and shirt is gesturing, with text 'CALLER JOHN CARVER NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!'. In the center, a man and a woman are dancing. To the right, another man stands. At the bottom left is an illustration of a beer mug. The bottom right contains ticket prices for adults and children.

**ROUND UP FOR A
BARN
DANCE!**

BROAD HINTON VILLAGE HALL

SAT. 13TH JUNE 2026

DOORS 7PM TO 11 PM

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Skylarks

We are so lucky to live in an area of chalk downland, a rare and globally significant landscape, with extraordinary biodiversity.

There are some unique flora and fauna. It is a haven for rare orchids and fragrant herbs like Wild Thyme and Marjoram.

- Nearly a third of all UK butterfly species thrive here, including Adonis Blue and Chalkhill Blue.
- Then there are the birds that favour this landscape like the Red Kite and Skylark.

The Skylark is a small, streaky brown bird renowned for its extraordinary display flight and complex song. It is larger than a sparrow but smaller than a starling, featuring a small head crest that it can raise when excited or alarmed.

The species is currently suffering a dramatic population decline of over 61% in the last 40 years. Breeding takes place between April and August.

- Males are famous for rising almost vertically to heights of up to 300m, where they hover and sing "parachuting" back to earth.
- Unlike many birds, Skylarks nest on the ground in open fields to avoid predators. This makes them highly vulnerable to disturbance from farm machinery and off-lead dogs.
- Skylarks can be found on most areas of open farmland, preferring larger arable and grassland fields. The open areas are chosen to allow sightings of potential predators.
- In our area they can be seen along the Whettles path between Broad Hinton and Winterbourne Bassett on Vize Lane and other paths and patches of grassland that lead up to The Ridgeway and Broad Town escarpment.

You can help in their conservation by being particularly vigilant when out walking, especially if you have a dog. Keep your dog on a short lead and never let it wander off into the grassland and crops by the side of paths.

In the coming months look out for the poster like the one below.

Skylark protection area Please do not disturb March through to September



Broad Hinton & Winterbourne
Bassett Parish Council

Skylarks nest on the ground and are easily disturbed. Numbers have dropped by 61% in the last 40 years.

Your co-operation will help their recovery. PLEASE: Keep dogs on short leads. Stay on the path.

Selkley Shutters



Our local photographic group have sent us a couple of photographs on the theme of benches,
the top one is : A bench On A Misty Day in St. Peter's Churchyard.
the bottom one is : Do you Recognize these Benches?
We hope to see another photo next month. Many thanks

THE RIDGEWAY LADIES

On Wednesday 4th March the ladies welcomed Amy Levin, one of the U.K.'s leading all-natural chocolatiers, to their meeting.

Amy explained the chocolate making process and we were invited to taste the chocolate nibs which are crushed pieces of cocoa bean that have gone through the fermenting, drying and roasting process. They are nature's chocolate chips and have a distinctive taste and flavour. These nibs are the basis of the chocolate. The nibs are then put into a Melanger (a specialised chocolate mixer!) together with an unrefined sugar and approximately twenty four hours later.... CHOCOLATE!!!!. It was apparent to us all that chocolate making is an intense and time consuming process requiring much patience and dedication.

Then came the time we were all waiting for ... the tasting of the finished chocolate bars!!!! Fantastic!!! The chocolate was absolutely delicious and fortunately Amy had brought along a selection to purchase.

A most enjoyable talk ...thank you Amy.

Visit Amy's web site for more information . www.amylevin.co.uk . Also Amy is usually at the Broad Hinton Farmers Market.

Our next meeting on Wednesday April 1st at 7.30pm in the village hall is an Open Meeting.... EVERYONE is welcome. The cost will be £5 for non Ridgeway Lady members and includes coffee and biscuits. The speaker is David Bailey, a Wildlife photographer, and promises to be of interest to photographers and nature lovers - come and join us.



BROAD HINTON YOUTH CLUB

Come and join our youth club!

We meet every Friday from 7:00pm until 9:00pm during term-time in Broad Hinton Village Hall. The club is for 10-14 year olds and the cost is £3 per session (plus tuck shop money!)

New members are always very welcome. We have table tennis, table football, a snooker table, an indoor net for badminton or volley ball, a PS4, a Wii and an Xbox, as well as a tuck shop.

We sometimes have other activities such as art and craft or different sports. During the summer months we have use of the school field behind the village hall for outdoor activities.

Please visit our webpage on the Broad Hinton Village Hall website:

<https://broadhinton.org.uk/clubs/youth-club/>

and for more information please email bhyouthclub23@gmail.com

Coffee Morning

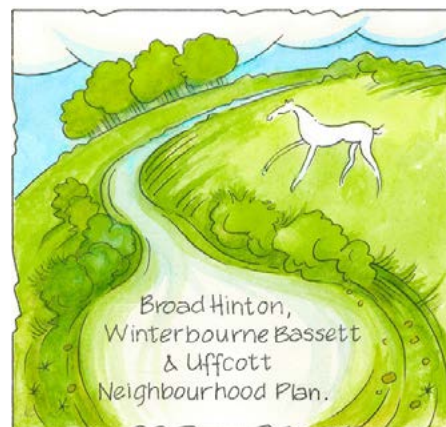


BROAD HINTON VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNINGS EVERY TUESDAY FROM 10am to 12 Noon

A mug of real coffee and a piece of homemade cake will only cost you £3!! if you come along to the Village Hall Coffee Mornings on Tuesdays between 10am and noon. Pop in for a mid-morning break if you work from home or stay for longer and have a chat.

The first Coffee Morning was in the summer of 2009 and to date £51,942 has been raised and shared between the Church and the Village Hall. The mobile Post Office is also open from 9 to 12 on Tuesdays in the Meeting Room.

Andy & Jo McCombe
Geoff & Marilyn Martin



Neighbourhood Plan Update

The Independent examiner is now in the process of looking through our plan and will be giving us his recommendations in due course. We will let you know when there are further developments.



Royal Wootton Bassett Orchestra

Musical Director: Nicola Ashton Leader: Joanne Barrett

LONDON CALLING

Mendelssohn: Piano Concerto No. 1
Soloist: Dominic Irving

Walton: Crown Imperial
Jeremiah Clarke Suite
Beethoven: Symphony No. 7: Allegretto
Tate: London Fields Suite (extracts)
Smyth: March of the Women
German: 3 Dances from Henry VIII



Saturday 25th
April 2026
7:30pm

Malmesbury Abbey

TICKETS:
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Parish Council News

Broad Hinton and Winterbourne Bassett Parish Council

Chairman's Message

Welcome to the latest edition of the Broad Hinton and Winterbourne Bassett Parish Council newsletter.

Community is absolutely what makes this parish such a special place to live. As a Council, we remain committed to listening to local voices, supporting village life, and working together to address the issues that matter most to our residents.

I am pleased to welcome our newly co-opted councillor, David Conroy, from Broad Hinton, who joins us as we continue to develop our plans for the future. Work is progressing well on our Parish Emergency Plan, helping to ensure we are well prepared to support our community when it matters most. Alongside this, we are also developing our three-year strategy, setting clear priorities to guide our work and investment in the years ahead. We will share more on this soon. We are also delighted that village hall will once again be warm and cosy with a great new heating system.

Community spirit has been especially evident recently, with a fantastic turnout for our village clean-up mornings across all three villages in late March. Thank you to everyone who gave their time and energy. Thanks also to those who provided much needed refreshments.

Looking ahead, planning is underway for the Annual Parish Meeting, which will be an important opportunity to reflect on the past year and share our future plans and to hear from our local community groups. We also wanted to make residents aware that road dressing is scheduled to take place in Winterbourne Bassett in April further details are on our website.

Thank you, as always, to everyone who contributes to our community—whether through volunteering, sharing



Village Clean up Crew in Broad Hinton at the Crown

ideas, or supporting local initiatives. Your involvement is what keeps our parish strong.

We hope you enjoy this edition of the newsletter and are also enjoying some much needed Spring sunshine

Warm Wishes

Adrian Smith
Chair



Village Clean up Crew in Winterbourne B



...and in Uffcott

Headline News

- The Annual Parish Meeting is set for 19th of May. All welcome.
- We have co-opted a new Councillor, welcome to David Conroy who attended his first meeting recently.
- Our Neighbourhood Plan is being checked by the Independent Examiner.
- The Village Clean up was extremely successful.
- An additional dog waste bin has been installed.
- The new Village Hall heating has been installed.
- Skylark protection notices will be put up.

Book Café



Broad Hinton Village Hall
May 23rd
9.30 to 11.30am
£4 entry includes drink
& a cake
(cash only please)

The format is a book exchange. Bring your unwanted, good condition fiction (*no biographies, autobiographies or other non fiction please*). Take away as many books as you like.

- Coffee, tea, squash and homemade cakes
- Children's and adults' books
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- Chat about books

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PCC Parish News



Last week, Wiltshire again demonstrated the strength of a united South West approach to tackling organised crime. Operation Scorpion brought together all five regional police forces, Police and Crime Commissioners, SWROCU and British Transport Police in a coordinated effort to disrupt drug supply and protect vulnerable people from exploitation. With Wiltshire Police leading this phase, the focus was on Class A drug supply and its clear links to missing children and child criminal exploitation. Across Wiltshire, officers arrested 26 individuals, safeguarded 24 people and visited 52 cuckooed addresses, removing around £380,000 worth of drugs and more than £22,000 in cash from criminal networks. These results are more than enforcement statistics - each reflects harm prevented, a vulnerable person supported, or an organised crime group disrupted.

I was pleased to welcome Policing Minister Sarah Jones MP to Trowbridge during the week of action, where she saw firsthand the professionalism of Wiltshire Police as they executed a warrant linked to County Lines. As I said at the time, this phase of Operation Scorpion shows the real impact of a coordinated South West approach. Wiltshire's leadership has delivered strong results and vital safeguarding.

The week also highlighted why locally rooted forces matter. Wiltshire Police acted quickly and precisely because of the strong relationships it holds with communities and partner agencies. Enforcement was only one part of the work. Officers visited schools across the county, speaking to nearly a thousand young people about exploitation and how to seek help. This early intervention plays a crucial role in preventing criminal networks from gaining a

foothold in young people's lives. Alongside this, teams worked with hotels, police cadets and local services to raise awareness of exploitation and identify those at risk.

Protecting vulnerable people remains at the heart of this work. Organised crime groups rely on fear, silence and manipulation. By increasing awareness and supporting early reporting, we make Wiltshire a harder place for them to operate. Operation Scorpion shows again that our region is strongest when it stands together, and we will continue working to keep our communities safe.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2026

All villagers are warmly invited to attend our Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting at Kennet Valley School, Lockeridge on 13th May starting at 7.pm.

The APCM is the opportunity for members of the community to see and understand how the large Parochial Church Council now works. All of the accounts will be visible to any who wish to see them, as well as who is representing each church.

If you do wish to attend we would be grateful if you could inform the Church Office on 01672 861786 or by email upperkennetchurches@gmail.com so we have some idea of numbers.

Churchyard Mowing



Broad Hinton Church Mowing Rota 2026

For many years now, Mark Whiteman has co-ordinated the church mowing rota along with the many other roles that he carried out in the village and beyond.

Mark, gently persuaded both ladies and gentlemen to volunteer their services to keep the church yard in pristine condition over the summer months. Whether for special services such as weddings and funerals or for regular church services as well as for those visitors who came to see the church and visit graves of relatives or friends.

The Parochial Church Council(PCC) have asked me to step into Mark's shoes to address this and I will be sending out a rota shortly to hopefully keep this going.

The point of this article is to see if there are any new 'volunteers' who would be prepared to offer their services.

The rota is based on a 2-weekly cycle with 2 people covering the fortnight, either doing it together to lighten the load or each taking the responsibility for a week within the cycle.

The church has a petrol mower stored in a cabinet near the back of the church and accessible by a code, a supply of petrol will also be stored in this cabinet.

So, no having to transport a mower to the churchyard. On average it takes about 2 to 2½ hours to mow the required area so not looking for a huge amount of time.

If you would be prepared to give it a go, that would be fantastic, please let me know.

Thanking you in anticipation, Des Clarke (731606 or 07821644697)



CAN YOU HELP?

We need some extra help, again about two or three times a year, to sweep, dust or polish and tidy the church.

We also need some occasional help with Church, perhaps two or three times a year. You don't need to be an expert flower arranger, just some flowers in a vase will be fine. It'll make you smile.

If you can offer help, please contact **Marjorie Sykes on 07762 109430/ 731471, or Gill Crabtree – 07774 424125/ 731627**

GARDENER

I am a gardener looking for gardening work in the Avebury, Winterbourne Bassett, Broad Hinton and East Kennett area.

I am experienced and qualified but as I don't drive you would need to provide tools.

I'm happy to cycle or use public transport to reach you and I look forward to hearing from you.

If you are interested please contact me:

Martin Andre
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Upper Kennet Churches

Services at St Peter Ad Vincula, Broad Hinton



Good Friday 3rd April

Choral Evensong at 6.00 pm

Easter Sunday 5th April

Easter Eucharist at 10.00 am

followed by coffee and an Easter egg hunt
around the church

These services can be viewed on YouTube

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Upper Kennet Churches

Holy Week and Easter Services 2026

29 March - Palm Sunday

9.45 am Palm Sunday Procession – gather at the Winterbourne Pub
10 am Winterbourne Bassett - Palm Sunday Communion Service

2 April - Maundy Thursday

7.30 pm Avebury - Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar Service

3 April - Good Friday

12 noon West Overton - 'At the Foot of the Cross'
Readings, Music, Meditation
2 pm-3 pm Avebury - Walk of Witness
6 pm Broad Hinton - Evening Service
6 pm East Kennett - Sung Compline

5 April - Easter Day

6.30 am Avebury - Dawn Service - meet outside the Red Lion at 6.15
8.30 am Fyfield - Easter Day Holy Communion
10 am Broad Hinton - Easter Day Holy Communion
10 am West Overton - Easter Day Holy Communion
10 am Winterbourne Monkton - Easter Day Morning Service
10.30 am Winterbourne Bassett - Easter Day Morning Service
11 am East Kennett - Easter Day Morning Service

The Rector's Letter

There is a reality outside the world, outside time and space, outside our mental universe. Corresponding to this reality at the centre of the human heart is a longing for an absolute Good. This reality is the sole source of all Beauty, all Truth, all Justice, all Legitimacy and all Order. It is beyond the reach of any human faculty. But we have the power to turn our love and our attention towards it. It is through minds so turned that good comes into the world.

Simone Weil

At the beginning of this month the church has its focus fully on the Mystery of Easter. The transformation of death into life with the resurrection of Christ. With a kind of cosmic tai chi the hand of God shifts all that drags us down and destroys and fragments us, into a path of renewal. This is achieved in the human and divine drama of Jesus Christ living in the middle east 2,000 years ago, and whose story holds all of this together. It is not a story of a vague hope or a contrived human idea. It is a cosmic reality expressed through a human drama.

But if this is to be something other than the celebration of a wonderful historical event, if this is to be a story that lives also in the present moment, it must also be relevant to everything we experience today. Have we so lost sight of that good that Simone Weil talks about, that all we have is an inadequate false imitation of good that currently makes all our politics so shabby?

Have we really just left ourselves a choice between, on the one hand, a politics of the left that is confused and meaningless, that is held through an unholy alliance between those who proclaim rights for all while teaming up with those who would push for the misogyny and extreme interpretations of sharia law?

And on the other the politics of the right, which is a hairsbreadth away from an inhuman nationalism that could easily move from stopping boats to taking away the citizenship of those not seen as fitting within our society?

We seem to be lacking mature leaders who have the minds to tune to that greater good

that Simon Weil describes. And we are learning very quickly that it is only through minds so tuned that good comes into the world. Endless political commentary and a social digital space full of everyone's uninformed, angry opinions is no substitute.

God's story of the young man who claimed to be his Son, whose life is a pattern of unconditional divine love and goodness, and who lived and died so that we could experience together what 'good' really means, holds the key, and gives us a focus for attaining something of what it can mean to live that goodness out in community.

Maybe this is something worth thinking about as you enjoy the daffodils dancing in the sunlight and the breeze. They, for a few moments, opened Wordsworth's heart and consciousness to ineffable Beauty as he allowed himself to wander lonely as a cloud. Watching them just now through my window. I can understand why.

Every blessing,
Jonathan – the Rector.



Upper Kennet Churches- Home Visits & Home Communion

Please contact the Church Office if you would like one of our Pastoral Team to come and visit you or if you cannot get to church and would like Home Communion.
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Morning Prayer 8.30-9am daily



Join us by zoom for half an hour to start the day in an atmosphere of quiet prayer and reflection with others, from the comfort of your own armchair. We are a small group who value this wonderful opportunity to gather ourselves for the day, to focus on what lies ahead and to enjoy silence together.

For more details, the service sheet and the

zoom link, contact

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Can you give yourself 25 minutes a fortnight?

Just to relax, turn off, and forget the trials and stresses of life, and everyday pressures, and to enjoy a time of peace, calm and silent reflection.

Every fortnight on a Wednesday evening at East Kennett Church from 6.00 to 6.25pm we hold a Taize meditation service: a chance to just sit quietly and relax and enjoy the silence and the peace by candlelight, with a background of occasional singing - often accompanied by guitar playing, plus a few words of wisdom and brief prayers – but mainly peace and calm.

No complicated service to follow, just peace and relaxation.

Put these dates in your diary and drop in to join us when you feel like it:

**Wednesday 1st April 2026,
Wednesday 15th April &
Wednesday 29th April 2026**

Graham Kitchen, Jo Snape and Lindie White

Flower and Cleaning Rotas will return next month

Flowers

Cleaning

Readings for April 2026

Thursday 2 April – White Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12.1-4 [5-10] 11-14
Psalm 116.1, 10-end or 116.9-end
1 Corinthians 11.23-26
John 13.1-17,31b-35

Friday 3 April – Red Good Friday

Isaiah 52.13-end of 53
Psalm 22 [or 22.1-11 or 22.1-21]
Hebrews 10.16-25
or Hebrews 4.14-16;5.7-9
John 18.1-end of 19

Sunday 5 April – Gold or White Easter Day

Acts 10.34-43*
Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24 [or 118.14-24]
Colossians 3.1-4 or Acts 10.34-43*
John 20.1-18 or Matthew 28.1-10

Sunday 12 April – White 2nd Sunday of Easter

[Exodus 14.10-end; 15.20,21]
Acts 2.14a, 22-32*
Psalm 16
1 Peter 1.3-9

John 20.19-end

Sunday 19 April – White 3rd Sunday of Easter

[Zephaniah 3.14-end]
Acts 2.14a,36-41*
Psalm 116.1-3,10-end
116.1-7]
1 Peter 1.17-23
Luke 24.13-35

Sunday 26 April – White 4th Sunday of Easter

[Genesis 7]
Acts 2.42-end*

Psalm 23
1 Peter 2.19-end
John 10.1-10

**Acts must be used as
either the first or second
[or reading]*

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Wednesday 1 April			6 pm Meditation Service (Taizé)	10.30 am Celtic Communion Service			
Thursday 2 April Maundy Thursday							
Friday 3 April Good Friday							
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Wednesday 8 April				10.30 am Celtic Communion Service			
12 April Easter 2		10 am Morning Service		10 am Parish Communion			
Wednesday 15 April			6 pm Meditation Service (Taizé)	10.30 am Celtic Communion Service			
19 April Easter 3			8 am Holy Communion		10 am Parish Communion		10 am Morning Prayer
Wednesday 22 April				10.30 am Celtic Communion Service			
26 April Easter 4		10 am Parish Communion					
Wednesday 29 April			6 pm Meditation Service (Taizé)	10.30 am Celtic Communion Service			
3 May Easter 5	8.30 am Holy Communion					10.30 am Morning Service	10 am Parish Communion

7.30PM – AVEBURY - HOLY COMMUNION & STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR SERVICE

12 NOON: WEST OVERTON – 'AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS' – Readings, Music, Meditation

2 PM - 3.00 PM: AVEBURY - WALK OF WITNESS

6 PM: BROAD HINTON – EVENSONG

6 PM: EAST KENNETT – SUNG COMPLINE

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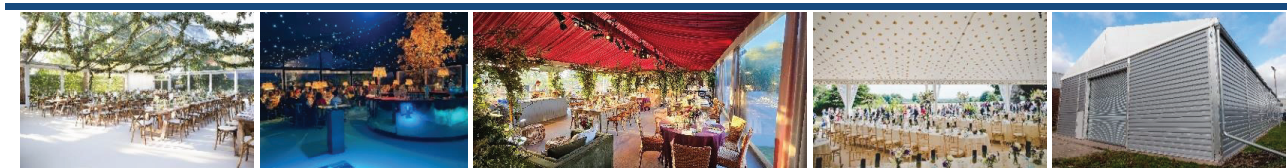
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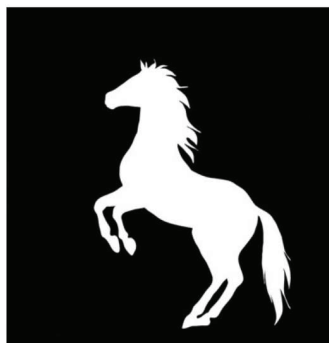
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