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'Now that April's here'

April is now the fourth month of the year. Prior to 1564 it was the first month. When the calendar changed, some people in France refused to adopt the change and were victimised by pranksters. This, some say, was the start of April Fools Day. Others say it dates back to celebrations which took place at the vernal equinox. Whatever the reason April Fools day is still enjoyed by school children today and those of us hoping to spot the hoax news story in the paper or on TV.



Other significant events are celebrated in April. The Queen's birthday on April 21 is closely followed by the anniversaries of Shakespeare's birth and death and St Georges Day on 23rd. Significant events in American history include the start of the American Revolution on 19 April 1775 and the deaths of Presidents Lincoln and Roosevelt.

For many, April makes the beginning of the financial year and we all know the tax year starts in April!

This year we celebrate Easter in the first week of April. Don't worry if you are unable to come to any of our services. You can celebrate the joy of Easter with us throughout the years.

Ann Hanrahan

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EASTER SERVICES AT ST.AUGUSTINE'S

Thursday 1 April - Maundy Thursday

8pm - Holy Communion
10pm—1am - Vigil

Friday 2 April - Good Friday

10am - Family Service
11.30am - Walk of Witness
2pm - One Hour Meditation
7.30pm - Service of Tenebrae

Friday 2 April - Good Friday

8am - Holy Communion
10am - Family Communion (with Easter Egg Hunt)



As members of St. Augustine's Church, we seek to follow Jesus' command—to share God's love with our community.



Will We Be Visiting You?

If you live in Birdham Close, Fairmead Close, Ringmer Way, Ripley Close, Westcott Close, parts of Faringdon Avenue and sections of Southborough Lane then one of our prayer visiting teams will be calling on you before the end of June. A letter will be delivered before the visit with a form attached. Basically, we are trying to find out who in the parish would like to be prayed for in our church and by those who use our prayer paper. Sometimes it turns out that the prayer isn't for those on whom we call but for friends or relations or acquaintances who would appreciate prayer.

It takes us several years to get round the parish, even when Christians from other denominations join us in our visiting. There is no need to wait for us though: prayer requests can always be left via our website. In fact, we have had requests from places as distant as the USA and Taiwan.

Should anyone wish to join our team of letter deliverers and prayer request collectors, we are always pleased to have additions to the team. We only visit between March and November and each collection team usually visits about once every couple of months. Just speak to Brian Kendall and you will be included.

Finally, if you not do not receive the prayer paper and would like to start praying for those who have requested our prayers, just let Brian know and you will receive the next copy. It is always good to be able to reassure those we visit that there are people who will be praying for them.

Brian Kendall

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



The Women's Word Day of Prayer was held in Bromley Methodist Church this year.

Eighty ladies and a few gentlemen took part in the service prepared by christian woman of Cameroon. The Republic of Cameroon is often described as 'Africa in Miniature' because of its poverty and malnutrition affecting more than one in five children. Child trafficking, Leprosy, HIV and AIDS are also concerns which were all reflected in the content of the service.

Despite all these concerns their theme for the service was 'Let Everything that Has Breath Praise God'. An inspiring message for us all.

Ann Hanrahan

++++UPCOMING EVENTS++++

DAY TRIP TO BOULOGNE

The annual trip is coming up on the 22 May, if you are interesting going along, please contact Richard Jones via the Church office for more details. Cost is £25 and the coach departs at 7am.

FREEDOM PASS CLUB

Brian Kendall will be running another club in August, watch for more details in Roundabout in the coming months, also if you have suggestions for the activities please let Brian know (via the church office).

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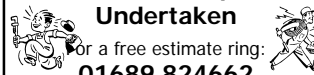
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Incredible

What's the most incredible thing that you have ever seen? Perhaps it was something in nature, a mountain, a sunset, an animal, or a great gathering of people, or something amazing on television.

If you were to ask Jesus' disciples that question they would have a pretty impressive list of things to say. After all they had seen Jesus walking on water, turning water into wine, feeding over 5000 people with a few small bread cakes and fish, not to mention making blind eyes see, deaf ears hear, lame people dance and even raising dead people back to life. This was a daily occurrence in the three years that they spent with Jesus. However, they were about to witness something that would turn their world upside down forever.



Imagine how they were feeling the day after the crucifixion. They had seen Jesus die, albeit from a distance for most of them, as they feared the same thing might happen to them. They had thought Jesus was the Messiah, the chosen one of God, and the last thing they expected was for him to die on a cross. We can only begin to imagine how they felt. They must have been disillusioned and depressed as they hid from the authorities in fear for their own lives. That was until the Sunday morning...

The disciples and friends of Jesus could not believe what they were seeing, but it was there in front of their eyes. Jesus was back. For the next 40 days Jesus often visited his friends talking with them, eating with them and being with them before he was taken back to heaven on the day we know as Ascension Day.

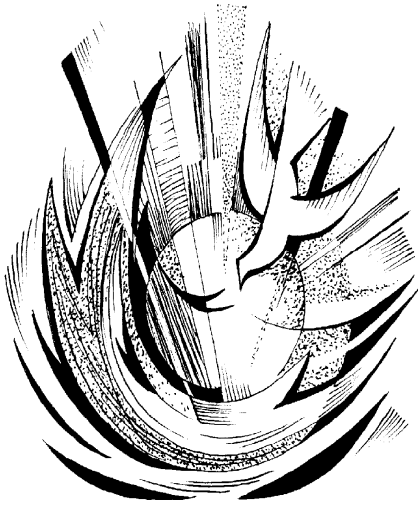
Of all the things that Jesus did, he saved the best till last. What an event! Jesus even managed to beat death. It is such an incredible story that for the last 2000 years people have been wondering and debating about it. Can it be true? What does it mean? How could it be? What do you think? What does Easter mean to you?

The meaning of Easter is Jesus Christ's victory over death. Easter Day is the confirmation of all that Jesus preached and taught during his three-year ministry. If he had not risen from the dead, if he had merely died and not been resurrected, he would have been considered just another teacher or Rabbi. However, his resurrection changed all that and gave final and irrefutable proof that he was the Son of God and that he had conquered death once and for all.

Alleluia Christ is Risen – He is risen indeed Alleluia!

*Yours In Christ
Kathia*

BAPTISM



Water and light are two of the symbols in a baptism service on 28 February when three of the confirmation candidates were baptised there was plenty of water, it was pouring with rain, but less light as the main lights in church would not work.

In his sermon, Kevin explained we were to see three types of baptism, over the font, part immersion and full immersion using a birthing pool.

The fact that Ann, Holly and Polly had chosen how they wanted to be baptised and could make their own vows seemed to create a deep sense of commitment from the whole congregation. The church lit by the candle lights had a peaceful feel. As we passed the font and birthing pool to take communion we felt part of a very special service.

CONFIRMATION

Extra chairs all round was the order of the day a week later on March 7 when 22 candidates were confirmed at St Augustine's

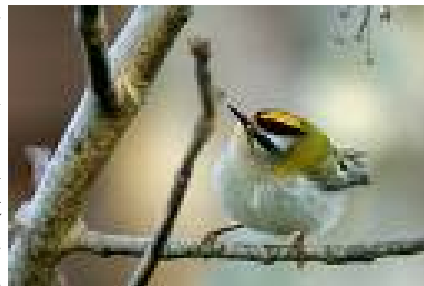
On his first ever visit to us Honorary Assistant Bishop Michael Gear carried a staff of wood grown in Zimbabwe and wore a cape embroidered with the national flower of Tanzania, revealing a lifetime of Christian service here in the United Kingdom and in Africa.

In wise words lightened by humour he reminded us that God calls every one of us 'by name'. Confirmation is an act of personal commitment made in response to that call. Families and friends were invited to stand as a sign of their support as their special person was confirmed, and the Bishop had a few quiet words of blessing and encouragement for each one.

The service continued with Holy Communion and we were sent on our way with two lively songs.... 'We'll go in the strength of the Lord', and 'Oh, happy day!'

WHAT A WINTER - LET'S LOOK FORWARD TO SUMMER!

Those who were prepared to don wellies and explore our local muddy Meadow this Winter saw some beautiful sights. Not only the serene snow scenes, recorded by many enthusiasts on camera, but some very special feathered friends. There were our usual visitors, Redwings and Fieldfares, and a small number of Redpoll, along with at least five Bullfinches, seen so rarely these days. But, the most special sighting of all was by Margaret Rusbridge, a keen and knowledgeable bird-spotter, who saw what she thought at first was a Goldcrest, sometimes seen by the expert eye in the Park, but on closer inspection turned out to be a Firecrest - as far as we know, a first! So, the Friends of Jubilee Country park recommend that, if you haven't done so already, you explore this Site of very Special Interest on your doorstep!



If you enter the Park from Blackbrook Lane, you will notice that there has been a lot of work done on Pond Restoration, and those carrying out the work are very grateful for the wet Winter, as it has filled up nicely. We are hoping that this will provide a new place for our small population of Great Crested Newts to lay their spawn. If you would like to know more about some of the exciting things that are happening, what about joining the Friends of Jubilee Country Park, and you will be updated twice a year with all the news and you will also hear about the Walks and Talks that are a

regular feature of our activities.

For regular news you can find us on our Website: www.jubileecountrypark.btik.com We are in urgent need of someone to assist our webmaster, Sue Folkes, with the updating of this site! Training will be given.

Up and coming events include:-

Thursday, 22nd April - History Walk - led by Jennie Randall. Meet at Thornet Wood Car Park at 10.00 am.

Saturday, 8th May - Tree recognition - led by Glenn Morris (*Bill's son*). Meet at Thornet Wood Car Park at 2.00 on.,

Saturday, 26th June - Wild Flower Walk - led by Sally Morris (*me*). Meet at Blackbrook Lane Car Park at 10.00 am.

Sunday, 18th July - Bumblebee Event - Meet at the Picnic Area between 10.00 am and 12 noon or 1.30 pm and 4.00 pm.

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Parish People – April 2010

It was lovely to hear that the **Rev. Jeanette Richardson** the local Methodist minister married Phillip Stott on 28th February.

Joan Musto's granddaughter (daughter of Kathleen Musto and Brian Jewiss, step daughter of Alan) was married to Ryan Tate in Richmond on 13 February. Sister Karen married David Johnson on 4 July last year in Totteridge, near Barnet. We wish them all much happiness.

A presentation was made to **Cliff and Gloria Reed**. Cliff has acted for 29 years as Server and Sacristan and Gloria has delighted us all with her beautiful floral arrangements. Both assisted with the Pathfinders for years. They have decided to move to Shrewsbury to be near their daughter – we will miss them both – but wish them much happiness in their new home.

The music group is delighted to welcome **Harry True** and his oboe.

We seem to be having an lot of significant birthdays lately – **Betty Dawson** and **Joan Fogg** turned 85 and **Jean Archer** was 80. Jean held a lovely buffet lunch at Southmere Court at the beginning of March for friends.

Well done to **James Fairhurst** who won a prize on prize day at Southborough School.

From the Parish Register

Baptisms

Holly Allison
Polly Butteris
Ann Wanniaratchy

Confirmations

Holly Allison
Chloe Brown
Holly Brown
Polly Butteris
Samuel Cable
Jane Crampin
Mark Peter Edwards
Jonathan Emery
Katherine Emery
Fiona George
Abbie Howard
Ellie Howard
Georgie James
Adrian Johnson
Joanne Kane
Ollie Kemp
Gabriel Meurer
Daniel Pelling
James Pinnock
Keshia Angelina Roskruge
Anne Wanniaratchy
Emma Zapple

Funerals

Isobel Ellis
Joan Lidstone
Arthur Seal
Ruby Watmough



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Church Services

Sun	8.00 am	10.00 am	6.30 pm
1 st	Holy Communion	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion
2 nd	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Evening Prayer
3 rd	Holy Communion	Family Service	Holy Communion
4 th	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Evening Praise

	9.15 am	11.45 am
Mon	Morning Prayer	
Tues	Morning Prayer	
Wed		Holy Communion
Thur	Morning Prayer	
Fri	Morning Prayer	
Sat	Morning Prayer	

Dates for your Diary

6 Apr	Holiday Club	
8 Apr	Gregarians A.G.M. Followed by fun!	8pm
13 Apr	Trefoil Guild Talk: Trek in Peru!	8pm
18 Apr	Annual Parochial Church Meeting	7pm
20 Apr	Mothers' Union Fish & Chip Supper and Beetle Drive	7pm
24 Apr	Mothers' Union Prayer Breakfast	7pm
24 Apr	Scout Table Sale	

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