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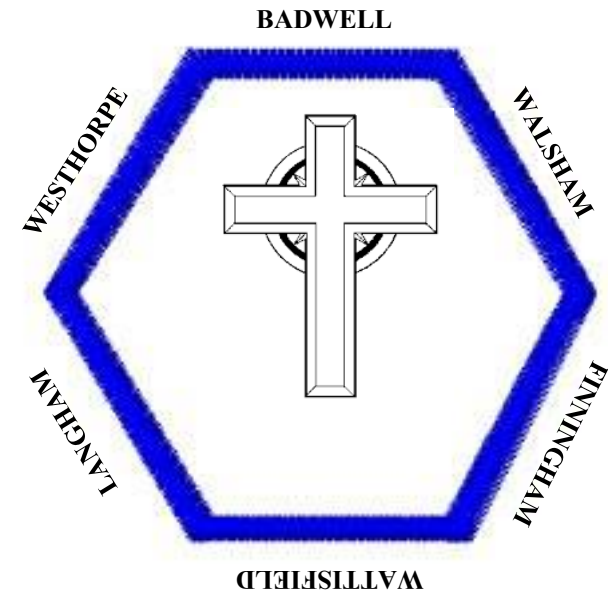
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April - May 2019

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Mon: Dog training 6-8pm

Badminton 8.30-10.30pm

Tues: Café, open to all, Mums and
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Wed: Yoga 10.30-11.30am
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'We are an Easter People' is a phrase we often hear used to describe Christians. Our question must be, 'do we live our lives as 'Easter People?' Do we show in our own lives the joyful belief that God loves us so much that He sent His only Son to die for us and to rise again so that we can share in His risen life?

In Eastertide we think and talk especially of 'new life.' As we emerge from the season of Lent, we also emerge from winter into spring and we look forward to summer. As Christians we are expected to bear witness to that new life in our own lives. As a Church, we pray for signs of that new life in all that we do, as we look forward in hope and joy.

For those who might declare themselves being without faith, Easter still has something to offer; a time to check where we are in life, and what the future should, does, and more importantly will hold for us. Easter is constantly around us, no more so than in those unexpected gestures of caring, of love and of hope. But of course for the Christian Church and its followers Easter is a time to celebrate the risen Lord Jesus; a time to renew our trust and hope in our Saviour.

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Nouwen writes; 'The words of the crucified Jesus flashed through my mind as he said that.' 'Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.'

Let us this Easter find time to renew our lives afresh as we place both our trust and hope in the Risen Lord Jesus.

Please do also find time to visit one or more of our Benefice Churches this coming Easter, with the variety of services on offer during Holy Week, as advertised elsewhere in the magazine; you will be warmly welcomed.

Denise and I wish you all a very joyful and Blessed Easter.
Philip
Rector

FROM THE REGISTERS

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If anybody would like to receive Home Communion owing to being housebound or ill, please do get in touch and I will gladly come and give Communion.

EDITORIAL VACANCY

After several years of editing the Hexagon, our Editor, Rowena Gavars has decided to step aside to allow somebody else to take on the role. If you feel that this is something you could both do and enjoy doing, then please have a word with either myself or/and Rowena. Rowena would be very glad to give all the training necessary to any aspiring Editor amongst you.

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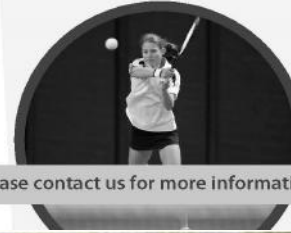
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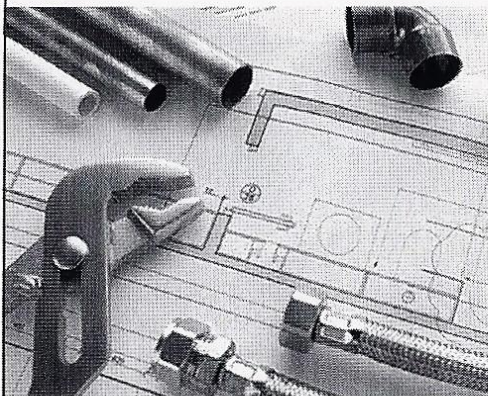


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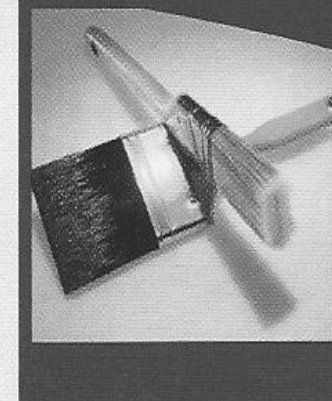
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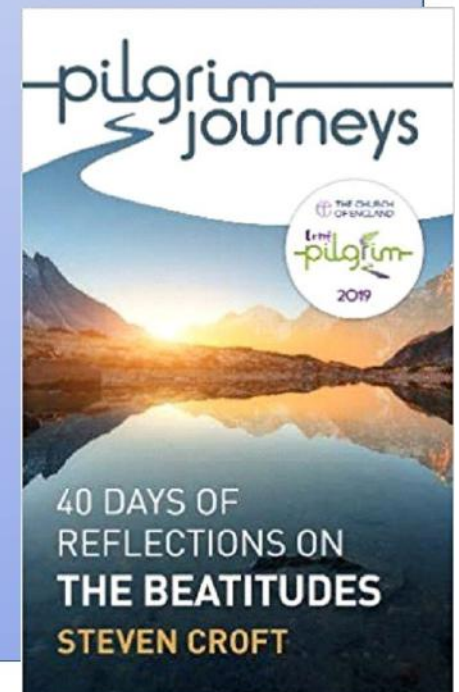
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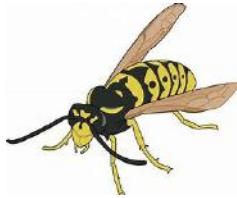
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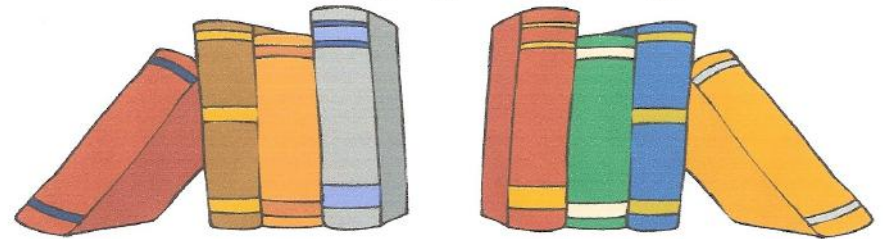
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I appreciate that all pets are different and have a variety of needs. Therefore I always start each new relationship with a free initial home visit. I am fully insured, have attended a Canine First Aid course and am currently studying with the British Canine College for a Diploma in Professional Dog Walking.

I'm looking forward to hearing from you.....



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Benefice Services Feb-March 2019

7th APRIL 5th SUNDAY of LENT
 8.00am Holy Communion Walsham
 9.30am Morning Prayer Finningham
 11.00am Matins Walsham
 11.00am Communion Wattisfield URC
 6.00pm Evensong Westhorpe

14th APRIL PALM SUNDAY
 8.00am Holy Communion Walsham
 10.00am Benefice Communion Badwell Ash
 11.00am Communion Wattisfield URC
 7.00pm Compline Walsham

15th APRIL Monday in Holy Week
 7.00pm Compline Finningham

16th APRIL Tuesday in Holy Week
 7.00pm Compline Walsham

17th APRIL Wednesday in Holy Week
 7.00pm Compline Westhorpe

18th APRIL Maundy Thursday
 7.00pm Holy Communion Finningham

19th APRIL Good Friday
 10.00am Workshop Priory Room
 1.00pm Walk of Witness Wattisfield
 2.00pm Service of Meditation Wattisfield URC
 for **ALL-AGES**
 12.00pm Reflection/Hymns Walsham

21st APRIL EASTER SUNDAY
 8.00am Holy Communion Badwell Ash
 9.30am Family Communion Langham
 10.00am Family Communion Westhorpe
 11.00am Family Communion Wattisfield
 11.00am Morning Worship Wattisfield URC
 11.00am Family Communion Walsham

28th APRIL 2nd SUNDAY of EASTER
 8.00am Holy Communion Walsham
 10.00am Family Communion Finningham
 10.30am Songs of Praise Walsham
 11.00am Morning Worship Wattisfield URC

Benefice Services Feb-March 2019

5th MAY 3rd SUNDAY of EASTER
 8.00am Holy Communion Walsham
 10.00am Family Communion Westhorpe
 11.00am Family Communion Wattisfield
 11.00am Communion Wattisfield URC
 6.00pm Songs of Praise Finningham

12th MAY 4th SUNDAY of EASTER
 8.00am Holy Communion Walsham
 10.00am Morning Prayer Finningham
 10.30am Family Communion Walsham
 11.00am Morning Worship Wattisfield URC

19th MAY 5th SUNDAY of EASTER
 8.00am Holy Communion Walsham
 10.00am Family Communion Badwell Ash
 11.00am Morning Worship Wattisfield URC
 6.00pm Evensong Westhorpe

26th MAY 6th SUNDAY of EASTER
 8.00am Holy Communion Walsham
 9.30am Benefice Communion Langham
 11.00am Morning Worship Wattisfield URC

30th MAY ASCENSION DAY
 9.30am Holy Communion Walsham
 7.30pm Holy Communion Stanton

2nd JUNE SUNDAY after ASCENSION
 8.00am Holy Communion Walsham
 10.30am Holy Communion Walsham
 11.00am Communion Wattisfield URC
 3.00pm Deanery Confirmation Westhorpe

Wednesday Morning Eucharist In the Priory Room at 9.30am followed by Refreshments and Fellowship.

April: 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th
 May: 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th