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Services at the Parish Church of St Matthew

Sundays

10.15am	The Parish Mass (sung)
5.30pm	Evensong — according to The Book of Common Prayer

First Sunday in the month

10.15am	All Age Mass for the Parish Family
5.30pm	Choral Evensong

*When the choir is on holiday (coinciding with school holidays and half terms)
Choral Evensong is replaced with Congregational Evensong*

Second Sunday in the month

10.15am	Laying on of hands and Sacrament of Anointing is offered in the Lady Chapel
5.30pm	Congregational Evensong

Third Sunday in the month

5.30pm	Choral Evensong and Benediction
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Fourth and Fifth Sundays in the month

5.30pm	Congregational Evensong
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Weekdays *(During the winter months of November to March, held in the Parish Centre)*

Morning and Evening Prayer are said publicly at 9.00am and 5.30pm daily

Monday 7.00pm Mass (on Bank Holidays at 9.30am)
(Healing Mass and Devotions on the first Monday in the month)

Tuesday Currently suspended

Wednesday 9.30am Mass

Thursday Currently suspended

Friday 12 noon Mass

Saturday Currently suspended

(Mass of Our Lady of Walsingham followed by a Cell Meeting on the second Saturday of the month at 9.30am)

Major Feast-Days Procession and Sung Mass at 7.30pm

(Always held in church. The morning Mass may be cancelled — refer to literature in church and on website)

Sacrament of Reconciliation, commonly known as Confession, is celebrated in the Lady Chapel by appointment with the clergy. They are also available for advice and guidance on any matter of concern.

All aspects of the sacrament are in confidence.

Worship Calendar for April

<i>Date</i>	<i>Observance</i>	<i>Intention</i>
1	Feria	
2	Feria	
3	THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – PASSION SUNDAY	
4	Feria	The ministry of Healing
5	Feria	
6	Feria	
7	Feria	
8	S Cyril of Jerusalem, B and Dr	
9	Of OLW	The Shrine and Society

HOLY WEEK 2022

10	PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION	
11	Monday in Holy Week	
12	Tuesday in Holy Week	
13	Wednesday in Holy Week	

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

14	MAUNDY THURSDAY	
15	GOOD FRIDAY, IN THE LORD'S PASSION	
16	HOLY SATURDAY	
17	EASTER DAY IN THE LORD'S RESURRECTION	
18	Monday in Easter Week	
19	Tuesday in Easter Week	
20	Wednesday in Easter Week	
21	Thursday in Easter Week	
22	Friday in Easter Week	
23	Saturday in Easter Week	

24	THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER	
25	S George, M, Patron of England	
26	Feria	
27	Monthly Requiem	The Faithful Departed
28	Feria	
29	S Catherine of Sienna, V and Dr	
30	Feria	

NB **Bold** denotes weekdays on which the eucharist will be celebrated

*The Church prays for the community daily.
Please include these topics in your daily prayers.*

April's Pastoral Letter from the Vicar

Let us all walk along the road to Emmaus

(Luke 24.13-35)

Of all the gospel passages that we turn to in Eastertide, I find the account of the journey of the two disciples walking along the road to Emmaus one of the most powerful.



I have not yet been to the Holy Land and therefore cannot picture the scene. I can see from a biblical atlas that Emmaus is to the west of Jerusalem, towards the coast, and Luke tells us that it is a distance of some seven miles along that road. Whilst it is helpful to establish the context, what we need to concentrate on is the actual details of what then occurred.

The two disciples were walking along the road to Emmaus. They met Jesus, who'd been crucified and was now alive again. But for some unknown reason they didn't recognise him. What happened then can be viewed from the shape of the mass, the eucharist, the act of worship celebrated daily (normally) in the life of St Matthew's.

The encounter on the journey to Emmaus and the mass is divided into four main sections:

The Gathering

Two of the disciples were walking along the road when they met a stranger, Jesus, who they did not recognise. They continued on the journey together.

Each and every day we come from our different homes, from work or from visiting someone and gather together for the journey of the service. The priest, the persona of Christ, comes to the altar and then greets us and we all start to journey together.

The Liturgy of the Word

Jesus then asks them what they had been talking about. They expressed surprise that he must have been the only person coming from Jerusalem who did not know what had been happening. Having listened, Jesus then explained the scriptures to them, showing how the declarations of the prophets were fulfilled through the Messiah. Next he 'interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures'.

The readings that we listen to every mass have been grouped together, the lectionary, so that we are able to make these links for ourselves and the place of the homily within this section enables further elaboration or explanation about part or all of the theme of the particular day.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

When the disciples arrived at the village they persuaded the stranger to stop, rather than continue on and this he did. 'When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognised him.'



The priest takes bread and places it on the altar. The bread is then blessed and broken and given to each of us. We are able to see our Risen Lord in form of bread (and wine) and recognise that it is his very Body that we receive.

The Dismissal

Jesus vanished from their sight and they went out from the room and back to Jerusalem. There they met with the rest of the eleven and their companions and told them what had happened and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

That too, is our command, our Christian duty, to go from the altar and tell everyone about Jesus and how he becomes known to us in the breaking of the bread.

We may not know the actual road, but we do travel it each and every day, not just at Easter, when we participate in the eucharistic offering.

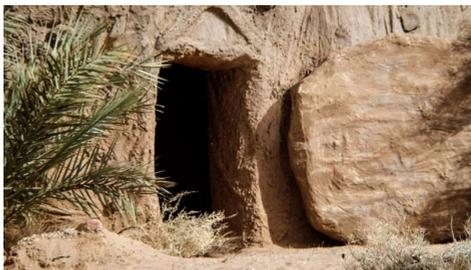
So let us meet together, learn from scripture, recognise and meet our Risen Lord in the outward form of bread and, nourished by that encounter, go out and as we have opportunity proclaim that 'Jesus is risen'. We are truly then an Easter people each and every day.

A very Happy Easter to you all!

Did not our hearts burn within us? Alleluia!
Come risen Lord, walk beside us. Alleluia!
Open our hearts, risen Jesus. Alleluia!

Your sincere friend and parish priest,

Fr. Nicholas



HOLY WEEK



In Holy Week, above all on Good Friday, we are all invited to take part in the sad and mysterious events that culminated in the shameful and life-giving death of Jesus Christ. Not simply as latter-day spectators of the events but as actually, even now, involved in them, if not very creditably. For we are assigned the part of the crowd that hounded Jesus to his death.

The stirring words St Paul remind us on Easter Day, rather more comfortably, that we are involved in Christ's victory over death, in his conquest over the negative powers of Satan, sin and death that seem on Good Friday to have succeeded in putting out for good the light and life of the world. Christ's resurrection is indeed an event, the event which is the basis of our Christian faith. But it is something more – the event of events in which we share, as Christians through faith and baptism.

It all depends, of course, on the reality of Christ's actual resurrection, which is no mere resuscitation such as happened in the case of the young man at Nain or of Jesus' friend Lazarus. Christ's resurrection is the absolute victory of 'indestructible life' (Hebrews 7:16) over death, of light over darkness, of good over evil. It speaks of the destruction of all that is evil and negative in this world.

It is a victory in which we share; it is imparted to us through baptism. So, St Paul tells us in another place that we die in baptism with Christ, that 'we may walk in newness of life'. Part of this walking in newness of life means 'thinking the things that are above', being heavenly minded, making it our principal aim – as St Paul says in another place, 'not eating and drinking but peace and joy in the Holy Spirit'. We need to be true to our truest and deepest selves, to the self-resaped in the image of Christ, and in constant need of being true. We are to 'become what we are', to realise in the mind and heart what God has truly given us.

That means that we are to reach out to the heavenly country, 'the farther shore', and love it with the same sort of enthusiastic affection that we show to

our country and to our natural home. To remind ourselves that the gift of new life was won at a great price and needs to be taken to heart, along with the talents God has given us.

To love the things of heaven, to direct our minds and hearts there, is easier said than done. To begin, we need to attend to the days of Holy Week, to the prayer and worship of these days. We need to watch, wait and witness, to experience at least something of the price paid for our redemption.

To stand at the foot of the cross and yet look to the things that are *'from above'* should be the aim in every Christian life. If we can begin to do this, however imperfectly, in these most important of days, then we also begin to recognise within ourselves, and with fresh eyes in our neighbour, the seed of immortality already planted in us, of being even now, and any day, already risen with him.

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SOLUTION ON PAGE 24

'April is the cruelest month, breeding Lilacs out of the dead land'



The opening words of T S Eliot's famous poem *The Wasteland* are not especially uplifting – and indeed that poem written in 1922 in the aftermath of the First World War and the Spanish Flu pandemic is a complex, dark and dystopian take on the way the world had emerged from those two catastrophes.

A century on and Easter is late this year with the first part of the month firmly rooted in Passiontide so Eliot's poem might not seem out of kilter with the times. We too are emerging from a pandemic and an uneasy world faces climate change, a resurgence of cold war rhetoric, profound economic challenges and a struggle to integrate different cultures and creeds with society in flux. The Church itself can seem out of sorts, lacking in confidence, struggling to pay its way with numbers apparently continuing to decline.

And yet this is also the month when we, as a church, celebrate the miracle of Easter.

Against all the odds and every expectation, we shall once again declare: Christ is Risen!

When all seems lost, and every hope dashed, Jesus comes to Mary Magdalene in the Garden and asks: "Woman, why are you weeping?"

The fact is that she like, the other disciples, like Jesus' enemies could never have imagined this moment. But here and now, in the Garden, Jesus demonstrates that nothing can prevail against the unstoppable power of God's love.

That was a truth that TS Eliot owned. Twenty-two years after *The Wasteland*, as the Second World War reached its climax, he published another great work: *The Four Quartets* which ends by speaking of the fusion of pain and love (the fire and the rose) that unmistakably speak of Christ's self-sacrifice and by referencing the words of Julian of Norwich, "all shall be well and all manner of thing shall be well" that assure us that, despite it all April is in fact the month when our hopes are rekindled and God's promises fulfilled:

*And all shall be well and
All manner of thing shall be well
When the tongues of flame are in-folded
Into the crowned knot of fire
And the fire and the rose are one.*

May joy and peace be yours this Easter

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris Dalliston".

The Very Revd Chris Dalliston
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The Knife Angel Comes to Northampton

Dorrie Parker

Some of you may recall an article I wrote about having been to see the Knife Angel at Coventry Cathedral in March 2019. The good news is that you will now be able to see it in Northampton – having been delayed by the pandemic, it will now be displayed in the plaza outside All Saints' Church from Friday 29 April to Friday 13 May. Only two weeks, so please don't miss it!

It's a powerful image, thought-provoking and prayer-provoking, and if you've not heard of it before, here's part of what I wrote in the article:

“At St Matthew's we all know how a work of art can be a powerful focus to meditation and prayer. I had seen a news item on television about the Knife Angel and wanted to see it for myself.

Knife crime is an ever-present issue today, claiming the lives of many young men and others. In response, the British Ironwork Centre in Oswestry sought to begin a campaign of education and awareness of the effects of the problem, and in 2014 asked the Home Office for permission to work with all the 43 UK Police Forces by providing 200 knife banks so that the police could offer amnesties to retrieve knives from the streets. They used the slogan of 'Save a Life, Surrender your Knife'.

These knives, over 100,000 of them, were then used to create a 27 feet high sculpture called the Knife Angel. It is the national monument against violence and aggression. Alfie Bradley, born in London in 1990, was offered the newly created position of resident sculptor at the British Ironworks Centre.

Bradley formed the basic shape of the angel from steel sheeting, before every blade was disinfected and blunted before the knives were welded onto the structure. The wings of the angel were formed from blades only, to create a feather-like appearance. Relatives of knife crime victims were invited to engrave these blades with the names of their loved ones and write a message of remembrance.”

More information can be found online at www.westnorthants.gov.uk and www.northampton.gov.uk

THE KNIFE ANGEL COMES TO NORTHAMPTON

All Saints' Church Plaza
June 2020

The Knife Angel's arrival, under the 'Save a Life, Surrender your Knife' campaign, aims to spearhead change and focus on:

Early intervention • Awareness raising • Education



#STRONGERTOGETHER

GET INVOLVED

We are inviting schools, local community groups and residents to become Anti-Violence Champions and get involved in a programme of activities exploring themes such as:

- Building a culture of peace
- Living with difference and celebrating diversity
- Creating social change
- Stopping violent behaviour within our communities

 The Knife Angel in Northampton

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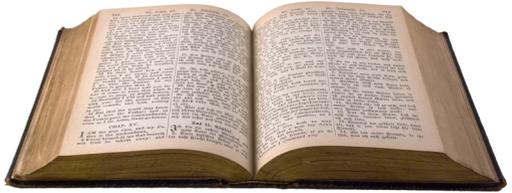
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Weekday Scripture Readings for April

Our weekday scripture readings, one from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament, taken from the 'Additional Lectionary' which was constructed by the Church of England principally for use in Cathedrals at weekday Evensong.



Friday	1 st	Jeremiah 17.1-14	Luke 6.17-26
Saturday	2 nd	Ezra 1	2 Corinthians 1.12-19
Monday	4 th	Joel 2.12-17	2 John
Tuesday	5 th	Isaiah 58.1-14	Mark 10.32-45
Wednesday	6 th	Job 36.1-12	John 14.1-14
Thursday	7 th	Jeremiah 9.17-22	Luke 13.31-35
Friday	8 th	Lamentations 5.1-3,19-22	John 12.20-26
Saturday	9 th	Job 17.6-end	John 12.27-36
Monday	11 th	Lamentations 2.8-19	Colossians 1.18-23
Tuesday	12 th	Lamentations 3.40-51	Galatians 6.11-end
Wednesday	13 th	Isaiah 63.1-9	Revelation 14.18–15.4
Thursday	14 th	Exodus 11	Ephesians 2.11-18
Friday	15 th	Lamentations 5.15-end	Colossians 1.18-23
Saturday	16 th	Job 19.21-27	1 John 5.5-12
Monday	18 th	Isaiah 54.1-14	Romans 1.1-7
Tuesday	19 th	Isaiah 51.1-11	John 5.19-29
Wednesday	20 th	Isaiah 26.1-19	John 20.1-10
Thursday	21 st	Isaiah 43.14-21	Revelation 1.4-end
Friday	22 nd	Isaiah 42.10-17	1 Thessalonians 5.1-11
Saturday	23 rd	Job 14.1-14	John 21.1-14
Monday	25 th	Ezekiel 1.4-14	2 Timothy 4.1-11
Tuesday	26 th	Isaiah 43.1-7	John 15.1-8
Wednesday	27 th	Hosea 5.15–6.6	1 Corinthians 15.1-11
Thursday	28 th	Jonah 2	Mark 4.35-end
Friday	29 th	Genesis 6.9-end	1 Peter 3.8-end
Saturday	30 th	1 Samuel 2.1-8	Matthew 28.8-15

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER DAY SERVICES

- 10 April **PALM SUNDAY**
9.30am (*in the Parish Centre*) The Liturgy of Palms, Procession, and
Mass of the Passion
5.30pm A Service of Penitence and Forgiveness
- 11 April **Monday of Holy Week**
7.30pm Mass and homily
- 12 April **Tuesday of Holy Week**
7.30pm Mass with homily
- 13 April **Wednesday of Holy Week**
9.30am Mass with homily
10.30am Confessions (*in the Lady Chapel*)
7.30pm Tenebrae
A Vigil Office in preparation for the Easter Triduum

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

- 14 April **MAUNDY THURSDAY**
7.30pm The Liturgy of the Last Supper
with the Washing of the Disciples Feet, Procession to the Garden of Gethsemane, and The Watch (until midnight)
- 15 April **GOOD FRIDAY**
8.00 am The Watch resumes
9.00am Morning Prayer and Prayers at the Foot of the Cross
10.30am Stations of the Cross for all ages
2.00pm The Solemn Liturgy
- 16 April **HOLY SATURDAY**
9.00am Morning Prayer
Church cleaning and preparations
8.00pm The Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter
- 17 April **EASTER DAY**
10.15am The Parish Mass of the Resurrection
and Renewal of Baptismal Vows
5.30pm Solemn Choral Evensong and Benediction

Gilwell Park Scout Headquarters

Sandra Rivett (Hedgehog)

Putting something back

It's always nice when you can return a favour, or help someone who has helped you. So when Ian (Akela) and Sandra (Hedgehog) were asked by some Scouting friends if they would like to join the Thane Rover Crew to do some maintenance at Gilwell Park, they thought: Well yes, we have spent many happy times there and so have the boys Edward and Henry, as they grew up going through the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

Henry is still very involved in his Scouting journey. Edward has moved on to other things but he may well come back one day, who knows.

Anyway back to Ian, Sandra and Gilwell. The plan had originally been to camp, but with the weather and the predicted storms it was decided that inside accommodation would be better. Just as well really 'cos if I had been blown away in my tent I wouldn't be able to write to you now. There were seven of us to start with on Thursday afternoon. Numbers swelled to eleven on Friday evening when friends from Wales arrived.



The project we were tackling was the gates around the park, of which there are many. They are big, heavy, old and beautifully made.

We were tasked with the Dick Turpin gate and the Leopard gate. We had to scrape the moss off them and wash them down with a stiff brush before painting them with Creosote to preserve the wood. This task is surprisingly fun and extremely rewarding.

So I would like to give you a brief history of these two gates and I hope you find it interesting.

The Dick Turpin gate now stands at the entrance to the Dorothy Hughes Pack Holiday Centre but was originally located across the main thoroughfare between London and Epping Forest, which is now the main drive to the site. The notorious highwayman Dick Turpin was born close to Gilwell and lived on the estate. He would rob stagecoaches leaving London and then flee to hide in Epping Forest, an area he would have known extremely well as a child.

The Leopard gate now stands at the main entrance and was carved and erected by Don Potter in 1928. Don was one of Gilwell's master craftsmen, employed from 1919 to the 1930s to teach woodcraft skills. One of the two Leopards went missing many years ago and a replacement carved by Ted Gathercote, another Gilwell craftsman, also went missing. The second replacement was carved by Don Potter in 1997 (then aged 96) and looks like it resembles the dog from the 'Never Ending Story' film, possibly attributed to Don's sense of humour.

It was certainly a cold and windy weekend at Gilwell Park Scout HQ in February but Ian and I were pleased to be working with other members of the Thane Rover Crew and came away with a sense of pride and achievement in having helped preserve some of Gilwell Park's heritage for a few more years.



Turpin Gate before



Turpin Gate after



Leopards Gate

St Matthew's Church

SUMMER FETE



Saturday 2 July 2022

I'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who has so far responded to our appeal for help with this year's fete.

I am really pleased by the upbeat and positive comments I have received.

It's been a rotten time during the Covid-19 lockdown and everyone is really looking forward to a joyous day of summer sunshine, music, fun and games.

Please keep your suggestions coming. We need all the help we can get. My email address is shown below.

Also, a special mention for Nigel and Thelma Woolliscroft who have been beavering away behind the scenes to make this a magical occasion. Their help is greatly appreciated.

Denise Bailey

summerfete@stmatthews-northampton.org.uk

Scrabble update

Please note that with the lighter evenings again we have reverted to our previous timings: meeting at **1.45pm** for refreshments with a prompt start at **2.00pm**, finishing the afternoon at **4.00pm**.



We are a little band, meeting in the Parish Centre Garden Room on the first Monday of the month, and we play for fun! It only costs £4 including refreshments, and there's always room for more members – why not you?

Mary Wallis

A Surprising Passion?

Liz Eliot

ALPHA: My journey started here... About four years ago I watched a dramatized story on tv of the 1845 Expedition by Sir John Franklin with *HMS Erebus* and *HMS Terror* to discover the Northwest Passage. They hoped to crack through the ice and find a quick way to America, but all hands were lost in the most tragic, almost horrendous, circumstances. They were forced to abandon the ships, which both sank, and the men were left on the ice. The inuits had dogs and knew how to live in those conditions, but the Brits had NO idea.

One of the ships, *HMS Erebus*, had once been to the Antarctic, and I wanted to know more – so I then 'travelled' south to Antarctica where Sir Ernest Shackleton arrived in my head... and my heart! He was an Anglo-Irish Explorer, born on 15 February 1874 and died on 5 January 1922 (so still only 47). He was one of the principal figures of what is known as The Heroic Age of Antarctic Exploration. He had been Third Officer under Captain Scott in the 1901-1904 expedition to the Antarctic but had become seriously ill and was forced to return home. And after a later return to the Antarctic, which he led, was knighted by Edward VII. Explorers fascinated me, and well, we all know about Scott, but I was intrigued to find out more about this Shackleton as he was a bit of an unknown quantity to me, so I started looking for more of him, and suddenly he was in my head, my heart, my daily life – my passion!

The race to the South Pole ended in 1911 with Amundsen's arrival there. Scott had died returning from his own attempt. But Shackleton had a new plan – to cross Antarctica from Sea to Sea... he would sail on *Endurance* and the other ship would be the *Aurora*. The Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition 1914-1917.

Shackleton's Captain on the *Endurance* was Worsley, also a brilliant navigator; the photographer was Hurley whose work turned out to be outstanding and is regarded so even today. Many of the crew have had their individual biographies written – brave, tough men, caring and even humorous throughout.

In January 1915 *Endurance* became trapped in the ice of the treacherous Weddell Sea, which forced Shackleton and crew to de-camp onto the ice itself, disposing of everything but the barest essentials for their survival, using three of the lifeboats for their shelter. *Endurance* took ten months to crush and finally sink, as Shackleton and the crew watched. A ship does not go down silently, she goes down howling...

The nearest port where assistance could be found was Port Stanley in the Falkland Islands, 540 miles away. South Georgia was 800 miles away.

In the Spring of 1916 the crew set off in the small lifeboats and eventually reached Elephant Island. Leaving most of the crew there, Shackleton set off in a lifeboat with a handful of men to find help. The crew left behind had no idea if he would even make it back, and neither did Shackleton, but they trusted... What is amazing is that he DID get back, and that not one of the crew was lost... all the men had survived due to their courage, ingenuity and ability to adapt by eating seal and penguin for food in truly appalling conditions. Shackleton stood on board the rescue ship and called to them... Back came the reply: "All safe. All well, Boss". And having had absolutely no knowledge of the Great War going on in Europe, some of the men even went to fight after they returned home!

Shackleton said: 'We had suffered, starved, and triumphed, grovelled down yet grasped at glory, grown bigger in the bigness of the whole – we had reached the naked soul of man.' Shackleton cared for every single man, he was 'one of the guys', an amazing character, and he gave his men the will to live.

Sir Raymond Priestly, who had travelled to the Antarctic with Shackleton on an earlier expedition, wrote: 'Scott for scientific method, Amundsen for speed and efficiency but when disaster strikes and all hope is gone, get down in your knees and pray for Shackleton.'

Shackleton died on South Georgia after a heart attack. His widow requested that his body be buried there, the scene of his greatest exploits.

OMEGA: Wednesday 9 March 2022 – *Endurance* has been found in the Weddell Sea...

*Do you have a surprising passion?
Consider writing an article about it for our
magazine! Ed.*



Shackleton



Endurance

32nd St Matthew's Multi-Aged Unit

Mandy Ludlow

February is an important month in the Girlguiding calendar – especially the 22nd. This is known throughout the Guiding community, be it here in the UK or across the continents as 'World Thinking Day' – strange title, what is World Thinking Day?

World Thinking Day, formerly Thinking Day, is celebrated annually on 22 February by all Guides and Girl Scouts. It is also celebrated by Scout and Guide organisations around the world. It is a day when we think about our 'sisters' (and 'brothers', yes brothers; in some countries they allow boys into the organisation) in all the countries of the world, the meaning of Guiding, and its global impact.

Most recently, Guiding has selected an important international issue as the theme for each year's World Thinking Day and selected a focus country from each of their five world regions. Girl Guides and Girl Scouts use these as an opportunity to study and appreciate other countries and cultures, and equally increase awareness and sensitivity on global concerns. This year the theme was the environment and gender equality.

In 1926, at the Fourth Girl Scout International Conference, held at Girl Scouts of the United States' Camp, the conference delegates highlighted the need for a special international day when Girl Guides and Girl Scouts would think about the worldwide spread of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting, and of all the Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world.

It was decided by the delegates that this day would be 22 February, the birthday of both Lord Baden-Powell, founder of the Boy Scout movement, and Lady Olave Baden-Powell, his wife and the World Chief Guide; without Lord Baden-Powell, there would be no Scouting or Guiding.

In 1999, at the 30th World Conference, the name was changed from 'Thinking Day' to 'World Thinking Day', to emphasize the global aspect of this special day.



Girlguiding has a long history of empowering girls and young women to be their best.

From a small handful of girls who gate-crashed the first -ever Scout rally, demanding 'something for the girls', Girlguiding has grown into a vast and vibrant network of members across the UK.

The Guide Association was established in 1909 – thanks to the efforts of many intrepid girls who refused to accept that scouting was 'just for boys'. Soon, girls began completing badges in sailing, aviation, and home electrics. Later still, Girlguiding members were making important contributions to the First World War effort – growing food, acting as messengers for government organisations and working in hospitals, factories, and soup kitchens.

It has now been over 100 years since Girlguiding was established, and our members are still pushing boundaries and achieving great things.

As the needs of girls have changed Girlguiding has listened and evolved too.

In the early days, the younger sisters of the Girl Guides wanted to join in and calls for new age groups brought the dawn of Brownies (originally called Rosebuds) for girls under 11. A Senior Guide group for older girls was established in 1916 – now called Rangers. Our youngest group, Rainbows, joined us in 1987; this has gone from strength to strength and since October of last year here at St Matthew's we have welcomed girls into the Guiding family from aged 4.

At the Monday units we celebrated World Thinking Day, 22.2.22 – a special date with an evening of activities from around the world, building the Eiffel Tower with marshmallows and spaghetti, a collage of the map of Italy using pasta, picking up rice with chopsticks, dressing up in a toga using bed sheets, mocktails, fairy bread, puzzles and word searches, firework painting, and towards the end of the evening we had a campfire. We all renewed our Promise at 20.22hrs on the 22.22.22.



Café Guides Recipe for April

Giving some thought to this month's recipe, it seemed appropriate to have something for the Easter tea table, although by tradition this cake was made for Mothering Sunday for young girls in service to take home to their Mothers. This has been made for Café Guides and has gone down well.

Simple Simnel Cake

Ingredients:

- 2 oranges – grated zest and juice
- 2 tbsp Cointreau
- 350gms mixed fruit
- 100gms whole glace cherries
- 250gm pack of marzipan
- 200gms soft butter, diced
- 200gms caster sugar
- 350gms self raising flour
- 4 large eggs
- 2 tbsp milk

For the caramel almonds (optional)

- 50gms flaked almonds
- 100gms caster sugar

For the icing

- 125gms icing sugar
- Zest of 1 orange
- 1-1½ tbsp orange juice

Method:

1. Heat oven to 160C fan, 140C / Gas 3. Tip the zest and juice into a bowl, add the Cointreau, mixed fruit and cherries. Meanwhile, grease and line the base and sides of a 2kg loaf tin with baking parchment. Shape the marzipan into a sausage the length of the tin, then roll out to the width with a rolling pin.

2. Put the butter, sugar, flour, eggs and milk into a bowl and beat with an electric hand-whisk until smooth. Stir in the mixed fruit and their juices. Spoon half the mixture into the loaf tin, then cover with the layer of marzipan. Top with the rest of the mixture and smooth the top. Bake for 1 hour 50 mins until risen and firm to the touch. (Take care if you are checking by piercing with a skewer as you may pierce the marzipan and think that the cake is not cooked yet.) Cool in the tin, peel away the paper once cold. It will keep wrapped in foil for 2 weeks.
3. To make the caramel almond topping, if using:
Tip the almonds into a frying pan and heat, swirling the pan so the almonds toast. Tip from the pan then add the sugar to the pan and heat until the sugar turns to a liquid caramel – take care not to heat it too fast or it will burn. Add the almonds, then pour onto a greased baking sheet to set. These will keep for 2 days if kept in a cool place.
4. Decorate the cake on the day you eat it, as the caramel will dissolve on contact with the cake. Mix the icing sugar with the orange zest and juice until smooth, then pour over the cake. The mix is quite wet and will dribble down the sides. Chop the almond caramel, scatter over the icing and leave until the icing sets.

If you prefer to decorate in a more traditional way, you will need extra marzipan and a little apricot jam:

Roll out the marzipan to the size of the top of the cake with a rolling pin, keeping some marzipan to make the 'apostles'.

Heat a little apricot jam with a couple of teaspoons of water, brush this over the top of the cake, place the rolled-out marzipan on to the cake.

Each of the apostles can be put on using a little of the jam mixture as glue.

The icing can then be put on as in 4 above, if desired.



Resurrection

By Patience Strong



April brings the Easter glory –
and the resurrection story –
Wakens hope and casts out fear –
as the daffodils appear...
Everything to life restored –
hails with joy the risen Lord.

Contributed by Audrey Rogers

St Matthew's Ladies Group

Meetings are on Monday afternoons from 2.00pm till 4.00pm in the Parish Centre, on the second and fourth Mondays of the month.

Meetings in April

11 April (Monday in Holy Week – no meeting)

25 April Speaker: Glennys Grimshaw –
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Baptisms and Weddings



Initial Enquiries Evenings for Baptisms and Weddings take place at the Parish Centre on the first Wednesday of the month from 7.30pm to 8.30pm.

Our team is there to help you and give you all the information you need.



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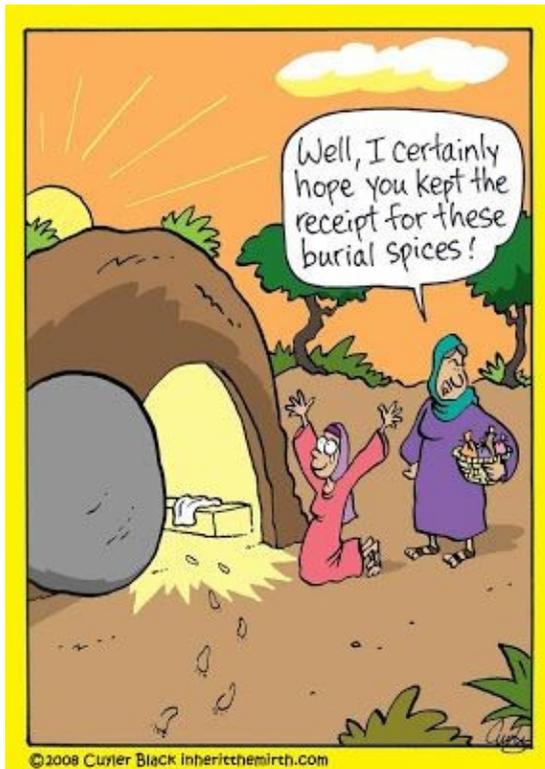
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Next month's magazine

Contributions to our magazine are always appreciated so let us know what you / your group are up to! If you don't have the confidence to write something yourself, just let us have the details and we'll write it for you.

Please leave paper contributions in the 'P' (for 'Parker') pigeon hole in church or email files to: magazine@stmatthews-northampton.org.uk

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Deadline for the MAY magazine is SUNDAY 17 APRIL

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Layout and production: Gary Drinkwater

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for *St Matthew's Mail*



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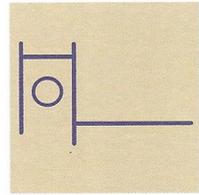
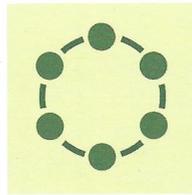
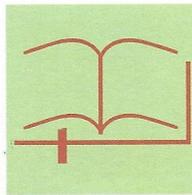
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