

St Nicholas (Potterspurty), St Bartholomew (Furtho),
St Leonard (Yardley Gobion), St Peter and St Paul (Cosgrove),
St John the Evangelist (Wicken)

Pew News

April 2007

As an Anglican Benefice within the Diocese of Peterborough, we:
"Worship in Unity, Reach out in Charity, Serve the Community, Proclaim Reality."

LOOKING AHEAD

- Friday, Saturday & Sunday, 4-6th May – **St Nicholas Flower Festival**
- Saturday, 5th May at 7.30pm in St Nicholas Church ~ **Flower Festival Concert** ~ **CELEBRATION OF THE CLASSICS** A concert using music that inspired the flower arrangers' magnificent displays. From Orpheus in the Underworld to Walton's Crown Imperial – many of the favourite light classics are there. Hum along to your favourite choruses – sit back and enjoy Rhapsody in Blue. Performances by Cantabile, Two in a Bar and visiting instrumental soloists. An evening to remember in a wonderful setting. Tickets £5 from Doug Holloway and Roger Windmill.
- Saturday, 12th May – **LICENSING OF MARY McVAY** and renewal of licensing for Jean Farmer at Peterborough Cathedral. If you would like to join the coach party of supporters, please see Richard Yates.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

ST LEONARD'S NEEDS YOU

To mow the churchyard. If you can spare some time, please contact Helen (542414), who will be very pleased to give full information and to add your name to the mowing rota. Mower etc, available. All that is required is your help.



St Nicholas Flower Festival, May
Raffle Tickets now available to sell. Please see
Doug Holloway.

St Nicholas Church, Potterspurty, needs your support

The responsibility of fund raising for this beautiful and historic building currently falls to a small (but dedicated) fund-raising group. We would like to expand this committee to incorporate a wider perspective for the needs of this village.

To this end, we invite interested residents (both church goers and non church goers) to attend an open forum to discuss 'Friends of St Nicholas Church' at 1 Church Lane, Potterspurty, on Tuesday, 24th April at 7.30pm. Local involvement is essential for this project to succeed. If you require more information, please phone
01908 542473.

Copy date for May Pew News - Sunday 22nd April

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NB: Any LAST MINUTE notices may be given to the Rector during the week preceding the Sunday service.

Rector – Rev Michael Wray	01908 542428	Reader – Jean Farmer	01908 543846
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Church Wardens

Potterspurty	Mr Monty Lynds	01908 543206	Mrs Sarah Richmond-Watson	01327 811395
Cosgrove	Mr David Sansome	01908 542765	Mr Graham Wort	01908 511595
Yardley Gobion	Mrs Helen Westlake	01908 542414	Mr Chris King	01908 542322
Wicken	Mr John Marchant	01908 562595	Mrs Carolyn Shaw	01908 571383

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Dear Friends

I am busy reading an exciting story about love, war and the supernatural. No, I am not revisiting Miguel Cervantes's Don Quixote or Philip Pullman's enthralling book Northern Lights, rather I am pouring over the Easter Story as told by the gospel writers, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. I can well understand why contemporary Britons insist on watching Eastenders, or Harry Hill's TV Burps. They are quirky and entertaining programmes. Yet to dismiss 'the greatest story ever told' as so much phooey is to turn one's back on a great cultural and spiritual experience.

Easter is with us again and the world's wicked sub-plot is manifestly unchanged since last April. Rivers of blood flow freely in Iraq and Afghanistan. Our brave soldiers are hard pressed on every side. In this month three years ago Iraqis were holding their first national day, which marked the anniversary of the fall of Saddam Hussein's grim regime in Baghdad. Today the same nation is fighting a civil war largely because there is no "strong man", no tyrant, like Saddam Hussein, or no rule of law to keep the warring factions apart. Other places, for example Libya, might well comply and meet the deadline for the destruction of their chemical weapons this month whilst Iran threatens to trash the fairytale and spoil the happy ending by increasing its stockpiles of nuclear weapons. The epic struggle between war and peace - Good and Evil - is, it appears, an incessant, infernal narrative.

In Christ, Christians believe they have a spiritual, supernatural presence, a King whose kingdom is not of this world but who holds sway and dominion in the hearts and minds of people of good will everywhere. King Jesus was both an innocent man and a superhuman, the Son of God, who was hung from a cross by violent men, and brought back to life by a loving Father. He died to save us all from both ourselves and from an angry chaotic world.

During April for the first time the Lulu Blooker Prize will be awarded to the best web-based blogs or websites. Christians agree the winning story was announced over two thousand years ago, long before the advent of the printing press, TV, computers or the worldwide web.

Happy Easter to you all
Michael


SERVICES FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

	1st	Potterspur	9.30am	Holy Communion/SUNDAY SCHOOL	RED
		Wicken	9.30am	Morning Prayer	
		Yardley Gobion	11.00am	Holy Communion	
		Cosgrove	11.00am	Morning Prayer	
	<i>Readings:</i>	<i>Isaiah 50v 4-9a</i>	<i>Psalms 31v 9-16</i>	<i>Philippians 2v5-11</i>	<i>Luke 22v14- end of 23</i>

5th	Potterspur	7:30pm	Holy Communion	WHITE
Maundy Thursday				
<i>Readings:</i>	<i>Exodus 12v1-4</i>	<i>Psalms 116v10-end</i>	<i>1 Corinthians 11v23-26</i>	<i>John 13v1-17,31-35</i>

6th	YG-URC	10-12.00am	Children's Activity Morning(see next page)	<i>Hangings removed</i>
Good Friday	Potterspur	2-3.00pm	The Last Hour	

7th	Potterspur	8:00pm	Easter Vigil	<i>Hangings removed</i>
Easter Eve				

	8th	Yardley Gobion	8.00am	Holy Communion	WHITE or GOLD
	EASTER DAY	Potterspur	9.30am	Holy Communion	
		Wicken	9.30am	Holy Communion	
		Cosgrove	11:00am	Holy Communion	
	<i>Readings</i>	<i>Isaiah 65v17-end</i>	<i>Psalms 118 14-24</i>	<i>Acts 10v34-43</i>	<i>John 20v1-18</i>

15th	Potterspur	9.30am	Holy Communion	WHITE
2nd Sunday of Easter	Wicken	9.30am	Morning Prayer	
	Yardley Gobion	11.00am	Holy Communion/SUNDAY SCHOOL	
	Cosgrove	6.00pm	Evensong	
<i>Readings:</i>	<i>Exodus 14v10-end: 15v20-21</i>	<i>Psalms 118v14-end</i>	<i>Acts 5v27-32</i>	<i>John 20v19-31</i>

19th (Thurs)	Potterspur	9.30am	Morning Prayer	
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22nd	Potterspur	9.30am	Morning Prayer	WHITE
3rd Sunday of Easter	Wicken	9.30am	Holy Communion	
	Yardley Gobion	11.00am	Morning Prayer	
	Cosgrove	11.00am	Holy Communion/SUNDAY SCHOOL	
<i>Readings:</i>	<i>Zephaniah 3v14-end</i>	<i>Psalms 30</i>	<i>Acts 9v1-6</i>	<i>John 21v1-19</i>

26th (Thurs)	Potterspur	9.30am	Morning Prayer	
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29th	Potterspur	9.30am	Holy Communion	WHITE
4th Sunday of Easter	Wicken	9.30am	Morning Prayer	
	Yardley Gobion	10.30am	Joint Village Worship with URC in School Hall	
	Cosgrove	11.00am	Morning Prayer	
	Potterspur	4.00pm	Deanery Animal Service	
<i>Readings:</i>	<i>Genesis v1-5,11-18; 8v6-18: 9v8-13</i>	<i>Psalms 23</i>	<i>Acts 9v36-end</i>	<i>John 10v22-30</i>

REGULAR WEEKLY FIXTURES

Mondays	– Bible Study, 9.10am at Katie Kitchen's – 80 Meadow View, P, (not 2 nd , 9 th or 16 th)
Wednesdays	– Bellringing Practice, 7.30-9.00pm at St Peter & St Paul's
Thursdays	– Teddy Club, 1.30-3.00pm at St Leonard's Church (not 4 th or 11 th)
	– Morning Prayer, 9.30am at St Nicholas (not 5 th or 12 th)
	– Minnows, 10.15-11.45am in St Nicholas Upper Room, (continues as normal)

DIARY OF EVENTS

Tues	3 rd	10.30 - 12 noon – Coffee Morning at 4 Prospect Place, Yardley Gobion (Maureen Berry's house) All welcome for coffee and chat.
Weds	4 th	12.30-2.30pm – Lent Lunch at Jacqui Watson's, The Retreat, 14 High St, Potterspur. Proceeds to St Nicholas organ restoration
		7.30pm – Wicken AGM at Katie Green's house
Fri	6 th	10.00-12.00am – Good Friday Activity Morning for primary school age children at the URC Chapel, YG – music, crafts, painting, modelling and drama based on the Easter theme. Call Lesley Ratcliffe to book your child(ren) in – 542150.
Mon	9 th	Copy deadline for Old Mail . Contact Hayley Walsh: email hayley@farming.co.uk ; work: 01327 811218; home: 543543
Thurs	12 th	9.00am – St Nicholas Parish Outing : Coach departs Potterspur
Mon	16 th	7.15pm – St Nicholas & St Leonard AGM with Mission Aviation Fund speaker – St Nicholas's Upper Room
Thurs	19 th	7.40pm – AGM of Cosgrove PCC at St Peter & St Paul
Fri	20 th	2.30pm (for approx 1 hour) – Discovering our Faith - benefice fellowship group who are meeting once a month for tea, chat and a deeper look at our Christian faith. Venue – Pauline Harding, 28 North Way, Potterspur. Contact Mary McVay 542289 for further info. Everyone welcome.
Sat	21 st	7.30pm — a celebration of Englishness for St George & Merrie England with Cantabile at Yardley Gobion village hall. Tickets £10 to include 2-course supper of traditional fayre & a glass of wine. Lots of audience participation promised. Contact Sue Lineham for tickets asap (542918)
Sun	22 nd	Copy deadline for May Pew News – (see back page for contacts)
Sat	28 th	7.30pm – Springtime Concert at St Peter & St Paul, Cosgrove. A concert of delightful music to herald the coming of Spring. The first half of the evening will be in the hands of Quartet 1571, a group of talented young musicians who will perform not only music from the string quartet repertoire, but also a variety of instrumental solos to add variety to the evening's entertainment. In the second half they will be joined by Cantabile who will perform Schubert's Mass in G – a work of youthful energy and lyrical melody. This energy will also hopefully be extended to the pulsating rhythms of 'Two in a Bar' when Ed & Roger will put the Cosgrove piano through its paces! Not to be missed – the tickets are £4 each, obtainable from Roger Windmill (560833) or at the door on the night. Wine bar will be available.
Sun	29 th	10.30am – Joint Village Worship with URC in Yardley Gobion School hall
		6.00pm – Deanery Animal Service at St Nicholas