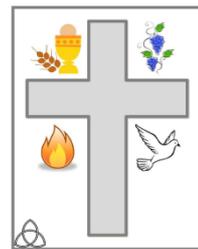


# Butlers Marston Village Newsletter

## April 2019



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Jan Bunyan*

  
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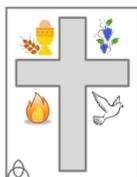
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**New Recycling  
Point**



**See Inside for  
Details!**

**Easter Day Holy  
Communion Service**



**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April  
11:30am**

**Easter Church  
Clean and Craft**



**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April  
10am**

**E A S T E R E G G H U N T**

**11:00 Easter Sunday at the church – See inside for further details!**

**From The Letter to the Hebrews, Chapter 10 Verses 19-25**  
**New International Version**

*19 Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*



**Cast into gloom by those depressing stories about environmental damage? Oceans choked with plastic? Climate catastrophe by 2030? Air pollution at unacceptable levels?**

**A group of local people is meeting up every month or so to discuss how simple changes in life-style can make a real difference in tackling some of these problems. If you share these concerns and want to find out what others are doing, do join us.**

**Our next meeting is on 16 April at Dick Leaper's (Brook House), starting at 8.00pm. Ring Bob Bearman (01926 641640) with any queries.**





# Butlers Marston Concert Society

## 10TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR CELEBRATION PROGRAMME! BRINGING WORLD CLASS MUSIC TO BUTLERS MARSTON



7PM SUNDAY 5TH MAY:

### SPRING CONCERT MOZART & BRUCH

Jonathan Barritt - viola • Marie Lloyd - clarinet • Lynn Arnold - piano

7PM SUNDAY 14TH JULY:

### 10TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT!

- Mozart: Piano Concerto No 14 in E flat K 449

- Schumann: Piano Quartet in E flat Op. 47

Guy Button - Violin • Peter Mallinson - Viola

Michael Wigram - Cello • Lynn Arnold - Piano

7PM SUNDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER:

### FOUR HANDS Lynn Arnold & Charles Matthews

- Mozart: Piano Sonata in F for four hands K. 497

- Glazunov: Symphony No 6 in C minor, transcribed by Rachmaninov

ALL CONCERTS AT BUTLERS MARSTON CHURCH

Tickets: £12.50 Child: £5.00 [ButlersMusic@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ButlersMusic@hotmail.co.uk) or (01926) 642076

*Thanks to Belinda Roberts for this artwork*

CHAT IN CHURCH RELAUNCH

# Say hello to 'Marston Meet Up'

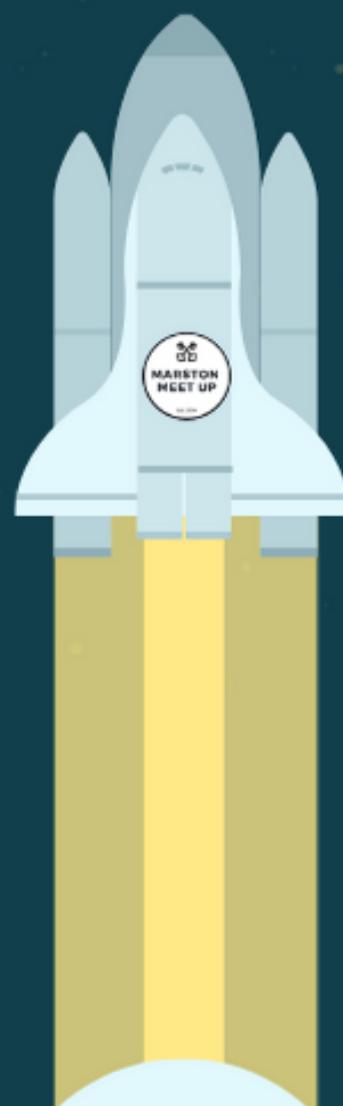
We are pleased to announce the relaunch of Chat in Church now called 'Marston Meet Up'. With new themed nights, venues, fresh coffee and prizes to win.

## Next Event

**Village History Quiz**

**7:30pm in the Church**

How much do you really know about your village? Where was the old Post Office? Did you know there is a reservoir? Join us to find out more.



*Thanks to Simon Corpe for this artwork*

*Loveliest of trees, the cherry now  
Is hung with bloom along the bough,  
And stands about the woodland ride  
Wearing white for Eastertide.*

**From 'A Shropshire Lad'  
A. E. Housman**



I was rather taken aback two weekends ago, walking 'the woodland ride' alongside the old (new) school toward the main road as there stood a tree in full bloom amongst the bracken and derelict space. It is so encouraging to see such abundance and new life in nature at this time of spring, especially in such a stark setting. Time and again, I'm reminded of just how fortunate we are to enjoy so many seemingly simple pleasures which are all too easily overlooked as we zoom about 'getting things done'. Housman's poem, if you happen to know it, is a soft nudge to always seize the day, and to make the most of our time in this world as he tries to estimate his years and therefore, implicitly, the number of cherry blossoms he might see – it's a sobering number in the grand scheme of things. I find it a hopeful poem with a message of fresh beginnings, rebirth of springtime and of course, Easter.

Back in February, we were all invited to a Chat in Church Planning Meeting. The meeting was well supported and one outcome was to relaunch under a new name of Marston Meet Up – perhaps you've seen the rather fabulous artwork in the newsletter courtesy of Simon Corpe. Several 'MMU', or perhaps '2MU?' events across the year will be themed; the one in March for example was that of a board games evening. It was a superb evening and I don't think anyone imagined that so many would find themselves captivated by games such as Logo! It was great to see new neighbours and friends there too.

Upcoming at the next event in May there will be a village history quiz. For those wanting to swat up early, you might like to read local resident, Bob Bearman's book 'Butlers Marston: Its History Through its Houses' on sale in church for £5!

On Mothering Sunday, we enjoyed a service of celebration for all mothers, both in memory and whom continue to support us more than we no doubt know today. Thank you to Linda Nevill and Di Burman for the much-appreciated pots of flowers given during the service.

Looking ahead into the month, you'll find elsewhere in the newsletter an invitation on 16<sup>th</sup> April to a discussion group about climate change. The intention is for a group of like-minded individuals to have an opportunity to meet together and discuss practical ways that will help us to do our bit to combat climate change.

A great example of the BM community searching out such practical means has already arisen through the results of Talia's survey from the March issue. Four bins now reside in the decommissioned telephone box – now a recycling point – that are designated for the collection of clean coffee pods, biscuit/snack wrappers, crisp packets and pet food packaging. Please resist the temptation to artistically knot your crisp packets as they need to be opened as part of the recycling process. Well done Talia for getting this project off the ground and into action!

On a related theme of care for our environment, this Sunday (7<sup>th</sup>) is the Benefice Service at Ettington Church (10am) where guest Godfrey Armitage will be speaking. Godfrey heads the Diocesan Environment Group and is a strong advocate for Ecochurch (<https://ecochurch.arochoa.org.uk>) too.

This Sunday is also notable for it being the deadline for all those who would like to a)

continue to be on the church electoral roll or b) to join it. Joining the roll enables you to vote at the annual parochial church meeting (APCM) which will be held later in the month on 28<sup>th</sup>. If you would like a form or further advice, please contact our Electoral Roll Officer, Christina Grange on either 641701 or 07971 684915.

Further into the month on Saturday before Easter (20<sup>th</sup>) is the Easter Clean & Craft. This rebadged 'church clean' event is both a call to all volunteers who would like to support with the spring cleaning of the church and/or decorating it ahead of Easter Day. There will be craft works for children and adults alike which will continue with a recycling theme, led by Rev. Sharon Goble... We are looking for helpers with all manner of spring cleaning, in church, tower and belfry and your help would be tremendously appreciated - tea, coffee, cake, choice playlists and a warm welcome are guaranteed!

On Easter Day the service (11:30am) will be preceded by an Easter Egg Hunt! The Egg Hunt will begin at 11am and so please do arrive a few minutes before so that we can set everyone off together. There will be refreshments available beforehand to accompany the Egg Hunt prior to the service of celebration that marks the magnificence of this day.

Prior to the Easter weekend during Holy Week, there are Benefice services across the week with evening services on Tuesday and Thursday, and two Good Friday services including a Messy Church in Ettington and an hour at the cross at Pillerton. Full details are listed in this newsletter on the back cover.

You may have noticed that the churchyard received its 'first cut' a couple of weeks ago. It is with great thanks to Andy Bourne, Tony Marsh, Derek Campion and his daughter Wendy, that the mowing has been attended to for so many years. We

would like to continue their fantastic work and it is a pleasant 1.5 hrs in a gang of three spent up in the churchyard mowing. If you can help, it would be great to hear from you so that we can organise a continued rota.

Heading into May, on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> (7pm), a trio of professional musicians, The Arnold Ensemble, will come to the Butlers Marston Concert Society (BMCS) in the church to entertain with much loved works by Mozart and Bruch. This is the tenth year of BMCS and to celebrate, each piece will be paired with a complementary wine to taste alongside the music and will be introduced by local wine enthusiasts!

A couple of dates also for diary in May include that of Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> where there will be a village outing to Oxford during the afternoon before heading to Choral Evensong at our patron church, Christchurch Cathedral. More details to follow in the May issue...

Further into the month on 26<sup>th</sup> is Rogation Sunday where we will 'beat the bounds' walking to selected parish boundaries which has become a much loved revived tradition in recent years.

It leaves me at this point to wish you and your families the most wonderful Easter. In the coming weeks we will recall the death of Jesus Christ on Good Friday and celebrate His Resurrection on Easter Sunday; the veil between heaven and earth was torn. However you spend your Easter, may I wish that you find those 'thin' places and thin moments where just occasionally, we encounter the divine, free of the veil. Seize the day...

*And since to look at things in bloom  
Fifty springs are little room  
About the woodlands I will go  
To see the cherry hung with snow*  
**Ibid Housman**  
*Matthew* - Churchwarden

## SPRING HARVEST and SOW GOOD!



Butlins would not naturally be my holiday choice but every year the Gobles head to Minehead as I have done for most of thirty years! Spring Harvest is a teaching and worship event for all generations, across between a holiday/festival/conference, inviting an encounter with God. It takes over Butlins and energises my growing family in our faith, keeps us up to date with emerging resources and ways of worshipping as part of a global Church. It's a very uplifting experience worshipping as a young person with 300 others your age, or as an adult with a couple of thousand. Fancy giving it a try? Take a look at their website, and I'd be happy to book you in with us in June 2019 for Spring Harvest 2020.

A young person at GIFT, our Benefice youth group, recently sowed an idea in my mind... we should have a choir, she said! The seed of an idea germinated. What a great way of bringing people of all ages together! A choir of sorts for all sorts where we could also explore emerging styles of music for worship! So, even if your singing has only ever been confined to the privacy of your car or shower, a quick boogie to itunes or a hum to the grandchildren, let's get together, make some noise, have some fun and grow seeds of worship in SOW GOOD!

SOW stands for Songs of Worship. In many growing churches there are guitars, drums and others instrumentalists, but until we form our own band (!) backing tracks can help us to try out that sort of thing – but let's not confine it to one style. In some of our services we already include simple Celtic and folk singing, easily learnt and quickly forming harmony, inspired by new expressions of monastic community like the Northumbria community and Iona's Wild Goose Worship. Taize chants again invite harmony, can be textured with cantors and instruments and invite improvisation! We have many hymns we could revive as well as learn a few we don't all know!

SOW Good!... because singing makes you feel good and worship is what we are made for so we flourish when we do it! If robes and anthems are more your thing, then do consider joining the warmly welcoming Pillertons choir. **SOW Good! will also meet on Thursdays, but monthly between 7 and 8:15pm in Ettington church beginning on 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 6<sup>th</sup> June and 4<sup>th</sup> July. Just turn up and join in!** (Under 18s must be registered or accompanied by an adult!)

*Sharon*

Reverend Sharon Goble  
**[Sharon.goble@stourdene.org](mailto:Sharon.goble@stourdene.org)**  
**01608 682 282**

## Dates for Your Diary

### Church Services & Worship

<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April</b>	10:00 – 11:00	<b>United Benefice Service</b>
Passion Sunday Service at Ettington Church		
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April</b>	19:30 – 21:00	<b>Deanery Lent Service</b>
Led by Rev. Ben Dyson on Tyndale at Burmington Church		
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April</b>	09:00 – 10:00	<b>BCP Communion</b>
Palm Sunday Service led by Rev. John Horton		
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	19:30 – 21:00	<b>Deanery Holy Communion</b>
Led by Rev. Canon Dr. Jill Tucker & Rev. Sarah Edmonds on Susannah Wesley at Honington Church		
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April</b>	19:30 – 21:00	<b>Reflective Service</b>
Maundy Thursday Service Led by Rev. John at Newbold-on-Stour church		
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April</b>	10:00-	<b>Messy Church</b>
Good Friday Messy Church at Ettington church		
	14:00 – 15:00	<b>Hour at the Cross</b>
Good Friday, Hour at the Cross at Pillerton		
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April</b>	11:00 – 11:30	<b>Easter Egg Hunt</b>
Easter Day Egg hunt accompanied by refreshments ahead of the service		
	11:30 – 12:30	<b>CW Communion</b>
Easter day Common Worship Holy Communion		
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b>	10:45 – 11:15	<b>Church coffee morning</b>
	11:15 – 12:30	<b>Family Service</b>
All age worship led by Rev. Sharon Goble followed directly by the APCM		
	12:30 -	<b>Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)</b>
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	10:00 – 11:00	<b>CW Holy Communion</b>
Common Worship Holy Communion led by Rev. Heather Turner		
<b>Every Friday</b>	07.00 – 07.30	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
An early morning service at No. 5 Verney Close		

### Community Events

<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	20:00 -	<b>Climate Change Meeting</b>
<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April</b>	10:00 -	<b>Clean &amp; Craft at the church</b>
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	19:30 -	<b>Marston Meet Up</b>
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	19:00 -	<b>BMCS Concert</b>