



CHW CATCH UP

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR COXLEY,
HENTON, AND WOOKEY CHURCHES

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DAWN SERVICE ON EASTER SUNDAY!

Join us on **Henley Hill** (6am - 7:15am) to watch the sunrise on Easter Sunday - as we remember Jesus is alive... the good news is that death is not the end of the story!

With prayers and thanksgiving, hot drinks and cake.



Henley Hill is reached via Henley Lane in Wookey (through the last field on the left when coming from Wookey).

Warm clothes and wellies recommended. There is limited parking for cars inside the field. Dogs can't be brought along as sheep may be in the field. There'll be a fire pit to provide some warmth and you are welcome to bring chairs and torches.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

- Everyone as we prepare for Easter
- Those affected by flooding

SHARED SUPPER – 6PM THURSDAY 2ND APRIL:

On Maundy Thursday, we retell the story of Jesus' Last Supper with his friends. We do this by having a simple meal together and reading the bible accounts of that night. Do join us in **Wookey Church Hall at 6pm**.

To help us get the catering right please contact Katrina on benadmin@chwchurches.co.uk or 07704 604165 and let her know any dietary requirements. There's no charge although donations are welcome.



SING YOUR FAVOURITE HYMNS - MOTHERING SUNDAY:

Let us know your favourite hymn and we will sing as many as we can fit in. With coffee and cake - **15th March at 4pm** in **St Matthew's Church, Wookey**. Let Linda know your hymn choices: ladytham@btinternet.com

MEDITATION GROUP (MON. 2ND MARCH & MON. 13TH APRIL)

If you're new to meditation or silent prayer, it can help to try in with a group of friendly local people. The session will start with a short reading before a time for meditation / silent prayer. We meet in **Buxton's Community Room** (left of Buxton's Close, Vicarage Road, Wookey, BA5 1JW). Please arrive at **2pm** so that we can all be seated by **2:15pm**, as there is a security lock on the door. There's a chance to enjoy a cuppa afterwards too, and donations for heating are always welcome. Contact Julie Moore for more information: stuart.moore3@btinternet.com Please note that the session in April is not on the first Monday of the month.



TAIZÉ - 6:30PM SUNDAY 8TH MARCH - COXLEY CHURCH



A quiet hour to refresh your inner self with Taizé style prayer and worship. The readings will focus on the importance of community, with a beautiful selection of chants and silence. Take time out for quiet reflection.

PALM SUNDAY: ALL TOGETHER COMMUNION 10:30AM SUNDAY 29TH MARCH - WOOKEY CHURCH:

Come along to this special joyful service at the start of Holy Week. On **Palm Sunday** we remember Jesus entering Jerusalem. The excited crowds waved palm branches, celebrating the arrival of the long-awaited Messiah. Take away a cross made of palm leaves to help you remember Jesus over Easter.



SACRED SPACE - 7-7:45PM MON. 30TH MARCH - WED. 1ST APRIL:

In Holy Week, take time to pause for 45 minutes each evening in silent meditation at Wookey Church. There will be a short reflection to begin, a time of silence and a closing prayer.

TENEBRAE - WOOKEY CHURCH - 7PM THURSDAY 2ND APRIL:



Tenebrae is a quiet, thoughtful service retelling the events of Jesus' death. We read and reflect on the sufferings, arrest and execution of Jesus. These will be symbolised with 13 candles, which are extinguished one at a time during the service.

AN HOUR AROUND THE CROSS - 2PM FRIDAY 3RD APRIL:

On Good Friday we spend an hour remembering Jesus' suffering and death. Do join us at Coxley Church as we reflect on how those who witnessed the crucifixion responded and our own reactions.

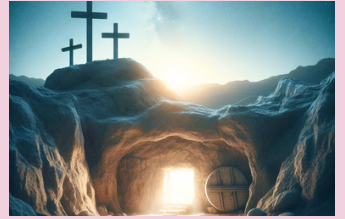


EASTER SUNDAY - 5TH APRIL:

Easter Sunday! Jesus Christ is alive! We are celebrating Jesus' victory over death with four services on Easter Sunday:

- 6:00am - Dawn Service on **Henley Hill, Wookey**
- 9:00am - A special Easter Sunday - **Henton Churchyard**
- 10:30am - Holy Communion Service - **Coxley Church**
- 10:30am - Holy Communion Service - **Wookey Church**

We will celebrate Jesus' Resurrection with singing, Bible readings and prayers - plus chocolate eggs to find and share!



BOOK: 'WHO MOVED THE STONE?' BY FRANK MORISON

Frank was convinced that the story about Jesus rising from the dead wasn't true. And that was the book that he set out to write. But as he started to examine what was known of Jesus' last days, death and resurrection - something happened... he completely changed his mind!

This incredible book is great for those who want to consider what they believe about this miracle of Easter and Christianity, part of the mystery is, as Frank puts it - who moved the stone sealing Jesus' tomb?

Once read, this book will stay with you for years!

BICYCLING WITH GOD

My name is Linda Dytham, I have recently come to the area as a retired priest, now living in Haybridge and have made Wookey church my new spiritual home. I have 3 grown up children spread far and wide across England and USA and since being a small child, though not coming from a Christian family, I have always believed in God but never realising where that might lead me!!

This short reflection: I have entitled 'Bicycling with God' as it seemed to me, to be the way I could describe my journey and the way my life has moved along over the years.

"At first I saw God as my observer, keeping track on everything I did wrong. He was out there like a sort of judge. I recognised His picture when I saw it, but I didn't really know Him.

But later on when I got to know Him more, it seemed as though life was rather like a bike ride, but it was a tandem bike, and I noticed that God was on the back helping me to pedal. I was taking Him along for my ride! I don't know just when it was God suggested changing places, but life has not been the same since. God makes life exciting!

BICYCLING WITH GOD (CONT.)



When I was in control, I knew the way but it was rather boring and predictable. It was the shortest distance between two points. It was safe! But when God took the lead, He knew delightful long cuts, up mountains and through rocky places and sometimes at breakneck speed; it was all I could do to hang on! Even though it looked like madness, God smiled and said 'Pedal'.

I worried and was anxious and asked "Where are you taking me?" God laughed and didn't answer and I started to trust. I forgot my boring life and entered into the adventure. And when I'd say "I'm scared" God would lean back and touch my hand. He never left me. Even though sometimes I couldn't quite see Him God took me to people with gifts that I needed, gifts of healing, acceptance and joy. They gave me their gifts to take on my journey too. And then we were off again and God said, "Give the gifts away; they're extra baggage, too much weight". So I did, to the people we met, and I found that in giving I still received more.

It took a while to trust God at first, I thought He would spoil the fun. But God knows bike secrets; knows how to take sharp corners, jump to clear high rocks, fly to shorten scary passages. And I am learning to shut up and pedal in the strangest places, and I'm beginning to enjoy the view and the cool breeze on my face, with my constant companion. And when I am sure I just can't do any more, God just smiles and says "Pedal"!

I would be very happy to have a chat with anyone who would like to know more about my journey or share yours with me, every blessing Linda

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March Services

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| Sunday 1st | 08:30 at Wookey - Quiet Holy Communion 09:00 at Henton Village Hall - Sunday Breakfast 10:30 at Coxley - Holy Communion |
| Sunday 8th | 10:30 at Wookey - All-Age Communion 18:30 at Coxley - Taizé |
| Sunday 15th (Mothering Sunday) | 10:30 at Coxley - All Together Communion |
| Sunday 22nd | 10:30 at Wookey - Holy Communion 10:30 at Coxley - Sunday Brunch |
| Sunday 29th (Palm Sunday) | 10:30 at Wookey - All Together Communion |
| Events: | |
| Sunday 15th | 16:00 at Wookey - Sing Your Favourite Hymns |
| Saturday 28th | 19:00 at Henton Village Hall - Quiz Night |
| Mon. 30 th - Wed. 1st April | 19:00-19:45 at Wookey - Sacred Space |
| Mondays: | 16:30 at Dove Cottage, Henton - Afternoon Prayer |
| Tuesdays: | 09:15 at Coxley - Morning Prayer |
| Wednesdays: | 10:00 at Wookey - Midweek Holy Communion |
| Thursdays: | 14:30 - 16:00 at Coxley - Coxley Community Cafe (Warm Space) |

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