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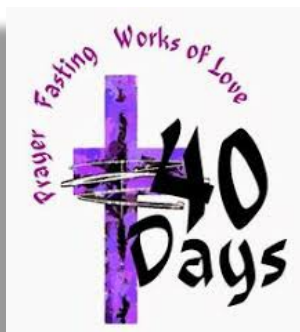


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Easter - What's it all about?

Easter commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is the most important Christian festival, and the one celebrated with the greatest joy. Without Easter there would be no Christianity. Without Jesus' suffering, his execution and subsequent resurrection there would be no Christianity.

In Western Christianity, Easter marks the end of Lent, a period of fasting and penitence in preparation for Easter, which begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts forty days (not counting Sundays).



The week before Easter, known as Holy Week, is very special in the Christian tradition. The Sunday before Easter is Palm Sunday and the principal days before Easter Day (Sunday) are Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday respectively commemorate Jesus' entry in Jerusalem, the Last Supper and the Crucifixion. For Christians, Lent is a time of reflection and sacrifice. It's a time of personal commitment and an opportunity to focus on what we have received, on what we can give and on what Easter is all about.

Thank You... £ £ £

The recent extensive work on the Church Vestry, to create a more usable and efficient space for church activities, has only been made possible



through the generosity of **Church Members** and through contributions from **The Friends of St Nicholas' Church**. All have contributed so magnificently towards the costs of the project.

However, not only has the Vestry been completely refurbished to create a light, warm and spacious meeting space but following the recent failure of the central heating boiler, a new boiler has been installed along with other essential ancillary building works.

Once again, the replacement of the boiler and all that it entails has only been possible through the largesse and philanthropy of two donors (who have made their donations anonymously) who have donated the necessary funds.

Whilst we must reflect on the generosity of all those who have given so freely of their time and resources to enable this major work to be completed so quickly, in today's climate of social and economic inequality at home and abroad, it is incumbent on all of us to reflect on what we have received, on what resources we have and on what we might sacrifice for the benefit and well-being of others.

THE VICAR WRITES



As I write this article we are just a few days to the possible Brexit deadline and I am acutely aware that as this drops

through your letterbox anything could have happened!

Other current concerns include Mozambique, America, North Korea, the Middle East, Russia, the global economy, climate change, computer viruses, new diseases, plastics . . . and I'm only stopping because of my word limit!

What I can say with confidence, though, is that one of the few certainties we have is that uncertainty is here to stay. We do indeed live in 'interesting times'.

It's not hard to view the current world scene as threatening. We live in a time where fears and terrors seep through broken foundations. Prayer and the eternal promises we find in the Bible can help us face that insecurity. Prayer, and thanksgiving in particular, reminds us that we serve a mighty God who cares for his people.

Psalm 46 reminds us that 'God is our strength and refuge, an ever present help in trouble, therefore we will not fear....'



Jesus lived in 'interesting times', times of uncertainty and threat. Speaking with his closest friends the night before he was to die upon the cross he gave them the perfect antidote to fear and insecurity

“ Peace, I leave with you, my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. ”

John 14: 27

Jesus had every reason to be afraid and yet his intimate knowledge of God the Father gave him the confidence, not just to say those words, but to live them and to die for them.

As we celebrate Easter, we remember that Jesus died to enable us to have that certainty of being his dearly loved sons and daughters. He rose again to show he has the power and authority, if we put our trust in Him, to give us confidence that He who has looked after us so far will care for us to the end and beyond.

In an interview in the magazine Christianity Today [March 2019] the Archbishop of Canterbury was asked if he felt politicians had let us down? He replied,

'No, I think they have the most extraordinarily difficult job... and we need to pray for them.

I pray for all our political leaders, for wisdom, for courage, for strength for them and for their families.'

We may not know what the future holds, uncertainty may be here to stay for a while longer, but in prayer we talk to the One who holds the future in his hands. Let us use the privilege.

cathy

A Prayer for Easter

***Would we be counted
among the doubters
hiding in the shadow
cast by that cruel cross?
Or, when challenged,
like Peter
openly deny you?***

***There are times, Lord
when doubts assail
and the distance between us
seems to increase.***

***There are times, Lord
when sin has its hold,
like a barrier between us
that will not move.***

***Who is there we can turn to
when we feel so overwhelmed?
Who can roll away the stone
and reveal the empty tomb?***

***No-one but you, Jesus,
no-one but you!***



St Nicholas' Church is supporting this appeal. Christian Aid has more than 70 years' experience of working in partnership to support communities to thrive. They tackle the root causes of poverty so that women, men and children the world over are strengthened against future knocks. And if disasters happen, they get people the help they want straight away.

Christian Aid believes it achieves even more when it teams up with others by working alongside partners, donors and organisations to fight poverty and injustice.

As the official relief, development and advocacy agency of 41 sponsoring churches in Britain and Ireland, Christian Aid works as part of a worldwide church community.

The charity carries out relief and development work through more than 700 local organisations close to the people and communities they seek to help. Consequently they best understand their immediate needs. They also work closely with governments and the private sector where appropriate.

In May volunteers will be dropping off and collecting envelopes for donations throughout the parish. They are hoping to equal or better the very generous total that was contributed last year.



*Christian Aid volunteers give of their time for a cause that they believe in and wish to support. They are local people living within the communities of Burton and Puddington - **please support them and the work of Christian Aid during the week of 12 to 18 May.***

Offers to help with this collection would also be very gratefully received.

*For more information please contact:
Janey Griffiths ☎ 336 3621*



Food



Water



Shelter



Clothing



St Nicholas' Church has organised a knitting group to knit squares to be made into blankets for the homeless. Can you help?

Squares need to be 6 inch square, with the ends tucked in and any colour is fine. As everyone knits differently, it's better to just measure 6 inches. We need plain knitting, and even slightly wobbly squares will be very welcome!

There is a box in the church porch for finished squares. As the squares are going to be crocheted together, we also need some crochet volunteers.



Sue Gorman & the first blanket

There has already been an amazing response, and thanks so much to all who have knitted squares.

Hopefully, we will soon have some beautiful gifts of blankets to be given to people in need.

For more information please contact Ruth Abbott

☎ 342 5032

Why Not Become A Friend of St Nicholas' Church in 2019



You don't need to be a regular church attendee to be a **'Friend of St Nicholas' Church'** - just someone who cares about maintaining the presence of the church and its ancient churchyard within the local community for the benefit of everyone and future generations. Just pick up a form from the box at the back of church. Your donations, however large, together with that of all FSNC members, will be used solely for the maintenance and upkeep of the church building and its churchyard.

To raise money FSNC organises a variety of events including a 'Pie and Pint Afternoon' in Summer, a 'Wine Tasting and Gourmet Supper' in the Autumn as well as other entertainment. Our aim for 2019 is to grow the number of Friends as much as possible. We'd welcome any new ideas from the local community regarding other types of events you'd like to see FSNC host - so please do get in touch.

Robin Cowan

☎ 306 4587

BISHOP WILSON SCHOOL



Bishop Wilson Church of England Primary
"The joy of The Lord is your strength" Nehemiah 8:10

RSPB VISIT

The Y5 & Y6 children at Bishop Wilson Primary School in Burton visited the RSPB Burton Mere Wetlands recently. All the children at Bishop Wilson have membership to the RSPB and with the Burton Mere Wetlands being right on our doorstep, we are able to visit this site regularly throughout the year. The children compared the estuary here with the Mersey and used compasses to inform observational recording as well as observing the birds. We were lucky enough to even see a Little Egret.

CHESTER ZOO TRIP

All the children at the school visited Chester Zoo and took part in discovery workshops finding out more about the animals at the Zoo.



Chester Zoo

WORLD BOOK DAY

The children at Bishop Wilson CE Primary School in Burton entered a 'World of Pure Imagination' when Willy Wonka and his gang of Oompa Loompas took over the school for the day. Golden tickets were given out to the children with the most imaginative costumes in several categories.



A great day for the pupils



...and School staff!

Everyone feasted on 'Lady and the Tramp' Spaghetti Bolognese, David Walliams' 'Ratburgers' and Fred Flintstone's Spud Boulders and to follow 'James and His Giant Peach' Crumble with Ghostbuster Slime!! Reading activities were arranged for children in all classes throughout the day.

LITTLE STARS, TBY & YOUTH WORK

Many congratulations...

to Cath Jones who has started a new job as the **'Children and Families Worker'** for St Peter's of the Cross Church in the centre of Chester. As a consequence of this new role Cath will also be joining St Peter's as a church member.

Everyone is delighted for Cath as she begins this new ministry and we are very thankful for all she has done within our own church. She has been running Little Stars for many years as well as TBY and being part of the Messy Church Team.



Cath has also been involved in leading services and playing the flute on Sunday mornings. Understandably St Nicholas' Church is really going to miss her and her family.

However, Cath has kindly offered to keep leading Little Stars until the end of the summer term, until we can find someone else to run that group. As well as finding a new organiser for Little Stars, Cath's new job does mean that we will need to look for someone, or several volunteers, to help run TBY on Sunday evenings during term time.

This is a small but very committed youth group, so if you are interested in helping out please contact:

Amanda Ankers ☎ 336 3998 or
Cathy Helm ☎ 07471 890 827

MAUNDY THURSDAY

This year, on Thursday 18 April at 7.00pm St Nicholas' Church will be celebrating a traditional Maundy Thursday Seder meal in the Gladstone Village Hall.



A Seder meal is based on the Jewish Passover supper that Jesus would have been celebrating with his friends the night before he was arrested, the night he instituted the 'Last Supper.'

This year's event is for all the family as we share together the traditional Jewish meal and all ages are involved.

It is a wonderful way to discover a fresh way of telling the story of God's love and the good news of Easter.



For arranging catering and setting up the hall organisers of this event will need to have an idea of numbers wishing to participate. There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of church from the beginning of April.

Do come and join us to remember this very special meal.

Cathy Helm ☎ 07471 890 827



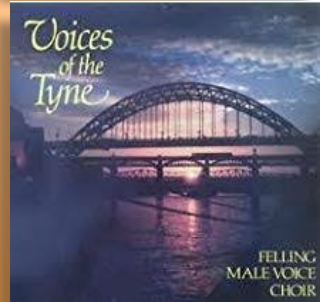
Concert

*Felling Male Voice
Choir*

Saturday 22 June

St Nicholas' Church 7.30pm

Tickets £10



The choir has been an integral part of the musical life of Gateshead and the North East of England since its formation in 1920. Performing around 15 to 20 times a year the choir travels extensively both at home and abroad. It also has a good record in international competitions with several first prizes.

Felling Male Voice Choir has regularly been in the forefront of commissions from eminent composers and arrangers. Programmes typically include arrangements of well known 'show stoppers', some imaginative contemporary pieces as well as the more mainstream male voice choir repertoire including traditional local songs, opera, operetta and spirituals.

The choir is active in fostering links with schools and youth choirs in joint ventures believing that encouraging young people to sing is vital to secure the choir's long term future. The choir has also made several CDs over the years



Tickets in Advance - £10

Linda Jones ☎ 336 5017 or Cathy Helm 07471 890 827

All Proceeds in Aid of Church Funds



There is a new event now taking place
in Burton ... **Café Church!**

There have been three meetings so far,
and all of them were extremely
enjoyable.

Café Church events take place in the
Burton & Puddington Sports and Social
Club which is a very comfortable and
warm venue.

The evenings start with fresh coffee (or
tea), lovely homemade cake, and
friendly conversation.

There is a 10 minute DVD to watch and
lots of opportunities for reflection and
discussion, although participation is
voluntary!

The next **Café Church** will meet on:

Tuesday 7 May

7.45pm for Coffee and Cake

8pm start

All are welcome!

SUNDAY 5 MAY 9.30am Special Morning Service



For the first time St Nicholas' Church
is joining a UK wide initiative to
celebrate with all those who are
Godparents, whether it be years ago
or more recently.

Promising to be a Godparent is a very
special privilege and this service will
be a wonderful opportunity to come
together, with your godchildren if
possible, to thank God for them and
for the role we can play in their lives.

Some of our godchildren live a long
way away, but we can still come
together and pray and give thanks for
them.

So that all can come along and enjoy
refreshments afterwards we have
joined our two morning services
together for this extra special service.

I do hope you can make this a part of
what could be a celebratory weekend
for your family.

Details from:
Cathy Helm

☎ 07471 890 827

MOTHERS' UNION

In the last edition we looked at the history of the Mothers' Union - now we take a look at what the MU does locally.

The local branch of the Mothers' Union has been a distinct praying and working presence in the parish for over one hundred years.

The MU Mission Statement reads:

The Mothers' Union is a Christian organisation which promotes the well-being of families world-wide.

This is achieved by –

- Developing prayer and spiritual growth in families;
- Studying and reflecting on the family and its place in society; and
- Resourcing our members to take practical action to improve conditions for families wherever they live.

At a time when many branches are decreasing numerically, the local MU branch is showing a small but steady growth with around 25 members.

The MU fund-raising activities enable funds to be sent to the MU Diocesan Office in Chester. MU members are encouraged to attend communion at church on the first Wednesday of each month.

The Mothers' Union also funds and supports a number of charities both at home and abroad.



Charities supported by MU include:

- Setting up parenting groups;
- A 'Holiday Scheme' providing holidays for families in need;
- Visiting prisoners and young offenders and operating crèches on visiting days;
- Baby clothes for neo-natal units in many hospitals and follow-up neo-natal support;
- Funding to provide 350 Mothers' Union Workers around the world;
- Setting up self-help initiatives in deprived areas;
- HIV and AIDS programmes and education units;
- Literacy groups, enabling mothers to learn to read, and pass on this skill to others;
- South African soup kitchens;
- Providing mosquito nets.

A MU relief fund gives immediate help in this country and abroad. It provides help to victims of sudden disasters such as floods, drought, cold, tsunami, war victims, refugees and the orphaned.





FORTHCOMING MU EVENTS

Wednesday, 17 April 2.00pm
Burton & Puddington Sports Club
'Travels - with Ann Warr'

Monday, 13 May 10.00am
Bromborough
Deanery Committee Meeting

Wednesday, 15 May
Chester Canal Trip and Lunch.

Saturday 18 to Monday 20 May
MU Wave of Prayer

**Together we are
stronger**

**Join our four-million strong
movement to:**

***Strengthen communities all
over the world***

***Help the most disadvantaged
at home***

***Shape how we advocate for the
rights of families***

***Build supportive, loving
relationships***

***Develop your own relationship
with God***



Hardy Perennials

Lunch Dates
for 2019



Monday - 8 April

Monday - 20 May

Monday - 8 July

Monday - 19 August

Monday - 23 September

Monday - 28 October

Monday - 9 December



Pollards Inn, Willaston

12.30pm for 1.00pm

☎ Vivienne 336 7435

☎ Linda 336 5017



HYMN STORIES

When I survey the Wondrous Cross



Isaac Watts 1674 - 1748

*When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.*

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the cross of Christ my God:
all the vain things that charm me most
I sacrifice them to his blood.*

*See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.*



When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

The son of a Congregationalist minister, Isaac Watts was born in 1674 in Southampton. He followed his father into the ministry, accepting appointment to Mark Lane Chapel in London in 1702.

Watt's lifelong ambition, according to his own words, was to be a servant to churches and a helper of Christians.

Watts first published 'When I Survey the Wondrous Cross' in his *Hymns and Spiritual Songs* (1707).

Designated a communion hymn, it appeared under the heading 'Crucifixion to the World by the Cross of Christ' and Watts based the hymn on the scriptural reference of Galatians 6:14.

***But God forbid that I should glory,
save in the cross of our Lord Jesus
Christ, by whom the world is crucified
unto me, and I unto the world.'***

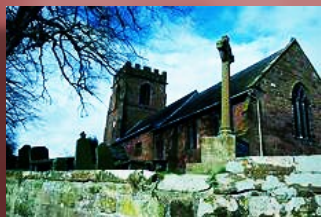
The hymn has been set to more than one tune, but perhaps the most popular is that of Edward Miller, who wrote his music in 1790, some forty-two years after Watts' death.

Walk of Witness

Good Friday

19 April

*Join us on our annual
Walk of Witness
from Shotwick to
Burton*



*St Michael's Church, Shotwick
2.00pm to 2.30pm
Church Service*

*Walk of Witness
2.30pm to 4.00pm*



*St Nicholas' Church, Burton
3.30pm to 4.00pm
Hot Cross Buns Served
4.00pm to 4.30pm
Church Service*

Church Services

April

- 7 Fifth Sunday of Lent
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Family Worship & Baptism
6:30 pm Evensong
- 10 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 14 Palm Sunday
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Morning Worship
- 17 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 19 2pm Good Friday at St Michael's, Shotwick
4pm Good Friday at St Nicholas'
- 21 Easter Day
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Family Communion
- 24 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 28 Second Sunday of Easter
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Morning Worship
11:15 am Annual Parochial Church Meeting

April

Diary Dates

- 1st
Holy Communion with Soup & Sandwich Lunch
- 2nd, 3rd, 9th, 10th
Lent Course
- 8th
Hardy Perennials Lunch
- 12th
Organ Recital - Paul Rudd
- 18th
Maundy Thursday - Seder Meal
- 19th
Good Friday - Walk of Witness
Shotwick - Puddington - Burton
- 20th
Messy Church Easter Egg Rolling
- 21st
Easter Day Services
- 25th
Cafe Chat - Parkgate
- 28th
Annual Parochial Church Meeting

May

Diary Dates

5th

Godparents' Service

7th

Cafe Church

11th

Messy Church

13th

Holy Communion with
Soup & Sandwich Lunch

13th

Mothers' Union - Bromborough

15th

Mothers' Union - Chester Trip

15th

Bible Book Club

20th

Hardy Perennials Lunch

30th

Cafe Chat

Church Services

May

1 10:15 am Holy Communion

5 Third Sunday of Easter

Godparents' Day

9.30 am Family Communion

6:30 pm Evensong

8 10:15 am Holy Communion

12 Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:45 am Holy Communion

10:00 am Morning Worship

15 10:15 am Holy Communion

19 Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:45 am Holy Communion

10:00 am Family Communion

22 10:15 am Holy Communion

26 Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:45 am Holy Communion

10:00 am Morning Worship

29 10:15 am Holy Communion

June

2 Sunday after Ascension Day

8:45 am Holy Communion

10:00 am Family Worship

STEPPING INTO SPRING

As the evenings rapidly draw out and we gradually extend Burton Mere Wetlands' car park closing time, it's hard not to lament the end of another winter when the spectacles, particularly of birds, are arguably at their greatest here at the Dee Estuary reserve.

In stark contrast to last year, the relatively mild and dry winter means Spring is advancing, and the burst of record-breaking warmth in late February saw a few surprise early summer migrants like sand martins appearing well ahead of schedule.

One bird right on cue was the avocet, the first of whom landed at Burton Mere Wetlands on Valentine's Day, and numbers since have risen into the sixties, with many more to have arrived by the time you read this. Come April, there should be scores of their nests littered across the islands visible from the visitor centre, vociferously defending their territories.

After spending much of late February and early March holding court close to Marsh Covert hide, the herons are now well underway with their nest-building and April should be the best time to witness them in the tree-tops, before the buds bloom and leave us to just enjoy the unusual gurgling sounds of the colony.

The rare, exotic cattle egrets – at least two – have yet again stuck around through winter and we're keeping everything crossed that they take to the egret colony in Marsh Covert as they did successfully in 2017.

Another Spring spectacle is the unmissable bluebell carpet of Gorse Covert woodland which greets visitors as they arrive at the reserve from Puddington Lane. The best four weeks of colour are usually mid-April to mid-May. We have an exciting *'Bluebells and Birdsong Guided Walk'* to showcase the woodland plants amidst the beautiful soundtrack of the nesting songbirds, taking place on Tuesday 30 April.



Avocet



Heron



Cattle Egret



Bluebell Wood



Skylark



Swallow



Wheatear



As for all our guided walks, booking is essential and is quick and easy to do online this year via *'Eventbrite'*, with links direct from our own website.

Speaking of birdsong, the famous dawn chorus becomes a feature in May; International Dawn Chorus Day is the first Sunday of the month, and as always we host a guided walk to showcase the phenomenon at Burton Mere Wetlands. Not for the faint-hearted, but the 5.00am start is well worth it to experience the reserve waking up at first light, with a crescendo of birdsong as each different species sparks into tune.

In a similar vein but a slightly later start, a week later (Saturday 11 May) our *'Birdsong and Breakfast Walk'* takes in the different array of breeding birds along the Burton Marsh Greenway, finishing at Nets Café for breakfast. As well as residents like skylarks and meadow pipits, the walk's guide will track down various freshly-arrived warblers, swallows and martins and even birds passing through like wheatears.

Another exciting development is the trial of an RSPB shop kiosk in our visitor centre from mid-March, with a limited selection of display items including binoculars and telescopes to try out, and available to purchase for swift delivery direct to your door – with the RSPB's entire shop range available to browse and order. So take advantage of the improving weather and wander down for a visit and a browse, you may be surprised by our tasteful homeware and gift range; buying from us is another great way to support our conservation work, and sales at Burton Mere will directly help the Dee Estuary reserve.

For further details on any of the Reserve's activities and events, please get in touch:

 [rspb.org.uk/burtonmerewetlands](https://www.rspb.org.uk/burtonmerewetlands)
 0151 353 2720

From the Registers



Funerals

- 29 January - Robert Ian Cowan
5 March - Bevyll Bruce Cowan
19 March - Margaret Jean Wright

Interment

- 22 January - Thomas Anthony Winney

Wedding

- 23 February - Matthew & Rebecca Barber

Baptism

- 3 February - Alexander Daniel Braceland
- Amy Eleanor Carole Watson

What's on at...

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH SHOTWICK



Are you a keen photographer or artist? Why not consider submitting your pictures for the Art Exhibition at St Michael's Church, Shotwick from 3 to 6 May.



Local landscape scenes, animals and framed photographs are required. Closing date for entries is 20 April and there is a fee of £3.00 per piece (£1.00 for children).



Further details from Jenny Sneddon:

☎ 07530 144763.

Organ Recital of Wedding Music



Paul Rudd

Organist at St John Lee Church
Hexham, Northumberland

St Nicholas' Church, Burton
Friday 12 April 7.00pm

Music & Refreshments Tickets £5

All Proceeds in Aid of Church Funds



BURTON & PUDDINGTON

VILLAGE FESTIVAL Saturday 8 June

This year the annual Fete is back - bigger and better than ever. Organised by a group of volunteers their aim is to raise money for much needed village services and maintain communal areas of the two villages. This is not a business, it is about giving back to the local community and bringing the community together.

Applications are now open for stands/stalls at the Village Festival. There are 5 zones planned. They are Country Living, Home & Garden, Family zone, Vintage and Culinary.

✉ j.nuttall@gladstonevillagehall.co.uk

FLORI BUNDA



SOWING & PLANTING TIME AGAIN

A busy season awaits and the garden is a hive of activity. Compost was placed in seed trays in the greenhouse to warm up prior to seeds being sown. The seedlings were then pricked out and, of course, finally hardened off. At this time of the year the greenhouse is always too small!

Harry Lauder's Walking Stick has masses of catkins. However, the Camellias were slow to flower and the Ceanothus was moved from its original planting place and seems to be happy there.

There is a lovely bird bath in the rear garden which is surrounded by rockery plants. Plans are afoot to transfer the plants to the main rockery and place stones and pots in their place. The Eryngium in the front garden has survived the winter and there are five new seedlings growing on well.

The sweet pea seeds this year are Lily Price (Magenta), Martha May (cream) Eilidh Lou (Lavender) and Pink Ripple.



When four true leaves appear the growing tips will be pinched out to allow the seedlings to form branches.

Many birds continue to visit the garden namely blue/great and long-tailed tits, goldfinches and greenfinches, nuthatch, a jay (only early morning), plus Jenny wren and Robbie robin.



Greenfinch

Soon the nest boxes will be examined. Will we have tenants again?



Tasks to be getting on with in the coming months

- Harden off seedlings
- Plant out seedlings
- Dead head spring flowering bulbs



*Good gardening,
Florí Bunda*



YOUTH CHURCH

Children, Parents,
Grandparents & Helpers
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20 April - Easter Egg Rolling at
The Vicarage 3.00pm to 5.00pm

'People From The Old Testament'

Gladstone Village Hall 4 pm to 6 pm

11 May - Moses in the Bulrushes
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8.00pm at The Vicarage

Wednesday 15 May

Wednesday 19 June

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26 April

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27 April

'From Here to Absurdity'

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Contact:

frichards@gladstonevillagehall.org .

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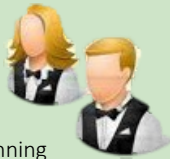
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