

# All Saints' Croxley Green

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## Sunday Worship in Church

**8am Holy Communion BCP**  
(First Sunday of the Month)

**9.45am Parish Communion**

**11.30am Family Service**  
(Third Sunday of the Month)

## Weekdays

**Morning Prayers 8am in Church**  
Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Thursday 9.30am Holy Communion

**The Church is Open Daily** for private prayer and meditation.

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**April 2023**



**Revd. Canon Miriam writes:**

Dear Friends,

### **Holy Week 2nd- 9th April**

I wonder what your plans are for Holy Week? It is the most important, albeit spiritually and emotionally challenging, of the whole year. When Holy Week is kept faithfully it enriches our understanding of the cross and resurrection in an immeasurable way. When we keep Holy Week well it is transformative and enriching.

Holy Week is not a series of individual services but it is one incredible liturgical drama spread over the week. We would not dream of going to a theatre to watch a play and sitting in for act one then popping out to go shopping and popping back in for the final act, so it should be unthinkable that we would even consider missing the drama of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday to return on Easter Day. To do so means that we lose the important components of what Jesus did for us, his arrest, crucifixion, burial in a tomb and Resurrection, it is the story of salvation. To jump from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday, from Hosanna to Alleluia without journeying to the cross leaves a hollowness in our Easter Alleluias. So what are your plans for Holy Week? Will you commit to prioritising journeying with Jesus to the cross and the tomb? Will your Easter Alleluia ring with conviction and joy?

Come, let us journey together at the following services/events....

### **Palm Sunday**

Our 9.45am service begins the journey of Holy Week and the drama begins. Taking our palm crosses as a signs of what is to come, we process out of the Church, through the garden, along The Green and back into Church singing as we go, reflecting the jubilation of the crowds who welcomed with Hosannas and accompanied Jesus on his triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

At 6pm the Choir will lead us in a reflective service of music and Bible readings for Holy Week, a lovely time to just be and ponder the significance of the week ahead.

**On Tuesday evening at 7pm** we gather in Church for a meal similar to a Passover meal. Come and experience the fellowship and fun of celebrating God's rescue of the Israelites from captivity in Egypt and the start of their journey to the Promised Land. (There is a sign up list in Church to help us with numbers for catering or ring the Parish Office 01923 772109)

**Maundy Thursday** sees the start of the Triduum, the great three days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Vigil of Easter Eve. On Maundy Thursday in the morning there is a said service of Holy Communion at 9.30am. In the evening the liturgical drama continues as we remember the Last Supper that Jesus had with his disciples. We remember the act of love and servanthood that Jesus showed to his disciples as he took a towel and bowl and washed their feet, and the clergy too share in this gift of love and servanthood as we wash the feet of those who wish to receive this act of love at the service. For those who prefer, there is also an opportunity to receive the washing of hands.

The focus of the service then moves to the altar as we remember the Passover meal Jesus shared with his disciples where he took bread and wine, blessed them and offered them as his body and blood. We stand alongside the disciples to receive the gift of Jesus' body and blood in the bread and wine of the Eucharist.

At the end of the service you may wish to stay awhile as the altars are stripped, and we move to the area of the Church where a garden has been created. As we remember Jesus praying in the garden and his disciples unable to stay awake we sense the atmosphere changing from joy and intimacy to uncertainty and fear. In the watch that will last until 10pm you can reflect on how you would have responded if you had been with Jesus on the night before he died.

**Good Friday** starts with the **Churches Together Walk of Witness**. Beginning near the petrol station in Watford Road, at 9.30am, we journey through Croxley stopping at the station, and the library for a short reflection and a hymn. We finish at the Methodist Church where, after the reflection, we have a cup of tea and a hot cross bun. Do join us if you can or meet us at one of the stops and join us there.

At 1.30pm we will gather in Church to symbolically journey with Jesus on the way of the cross and his crucifixion. With bible readings, reflections, hymns, and images we will enter into the story of Jesus' final hours.

**Holy Saturday** we enter into the desolation that the followers of Jesus must have felt. All is strange and unfamiliar, an air of uncertainty, an anxiety for the future, a multitude of thoughts starting with the words, 'what if'.

We gather in a darkened Church at 7.30pm for a vigil. We listen to the words of scripture that tell us about how the death of Jesus was foretold, a growing sense of hope builds in us as we recognise that death has no power to hold Jesus back from us, that His is the victory. We bless and light the new Paschal Candle. We listen to the amazing experience of Mary finding the tomb empty mistaking the Risen Jesus as the gardener and join with her joyful praise when she realises Jesus has indeed risen from the dead. We gather around the font and recommit ourselves to following Jesus. The Easter celebrations begin!

**Easter Day at 9.45am** we gather with joy, renewed and transformed after journeying with Jesus through Holy Week. We joyfully proclaim, Alleluia, Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed, ALLELUIA!

Whilst I encourage you to attend these services in person, I know that for some of you this may not be possible, so can I encourage you to keep Holy Week at home. Resources are available to help you to do this, please contact me or call the office (01923772109) if you would like a copy.

With my love and prayers for a transformative Holy Week and joyful Easter

*Miriam*



# Parish Register and Records

## BAPTISM

12th March 2023      Ireoluwakiisha Omowonuola OGUNBA

## FUNERALS

9th March              Morphitsa HEMSWORTH aged 89 years.

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## Readings for April

Sunday 2nd April              Matthew chapter 21 v 1 – 11  
Palm Sunday

Sunday 9th April              Matthew chapter 28 v 1 – 10  
Easter Day

Sunday 16th April              John chapter 20 v 19 – end  
2nd Sunday of Easter

Sunday 23rd April              Luke chapter 24 v 13 – 35  
3rd Sunday of Easter

Sunday 30th April              John chapter 10 v 1 - 10  
4th Sunday of Easter



# HOLY WEEK & EASTER

## Palm Sunday - 2nd April

9:45am Parish Communion - distribution of Palm Crosses and Procession

6:00pm The Cross of Christ - an evening of hymns and anthems sung by our choir

## Tuesday - 4th April

7:00pm Holy Week Meal

## Maundy Thursday - 6th April

7:30pm Holy Communion with the Washing of Feet and Watch until 10pm

## Good Friday - 7th April

9:30am Churches Together Walk of Witness starting by the Garage on Watford Rd

1:30pm Good Friday Meditations

## Holy Saturday - 8th April

7:30pm Watching and Waiting Service of Music and Reflection

## Easter Sunday - 9th April

9:45am Parish Communion - Celebrating Jesus' Resurrection

## Outside an Empty Tomb

**“Oh woman, why this weeping?  
Oh woman, dry your tears!  
Oh woman, cease your weeping  
And lay aside your fears!”**

**“They’ve borne away my Master!  
And laid Him who knows where;  
His tomb is standing empty,  
And He’s no longer there.”**

**“Oh Sir, please will you tell me  
Where you have laid Him now?  
For you can surely tell me  
What they have done, and how;**

**Yes how may I now find Him  
And for His body care?  
For I will truly care for Him  
If you’ll but show me where?”**

**He said to her, “My Mary!”  
She turned and met His eye  
She cried with joy, “My Master!”  
For she at last knew why**

**The tomb behind was empty  
And why no body lay –  
Her Master Christ is Risen  
Upon this Easter Day!**

*from Parish Pump*

(These verses are set to the tune ‘Down by the Salley Gardens’)



# Help us to modernise All Saints' Church Hall

All Saints' Church Hall is in desperate need of refurbishment and modernisation.



**We are planning a refurbishment project over the summer this year, but need to raise a further £10,000 in order to maximise the impact of this.**

We want to fix and repaint the ceiling, repaint the walls and woodwork, replace the old radiators with modern, more efficient ones and do work on the floor to make it clean and easy to maintain. We also want to update the lighting to modern LED lights, fit new curtains and replace noticeboards. We want to have a clean, bright space which is more energy efficient and helps us to lower our carbon footprint. It will be a nicer space for everyone who uses the hall; many community groups as well as church groups.

Please help us to reach our target by making a donation towards the refurbishment work by following this link:

[gofund.me/9d8eb9c1](https://gofundme.com/9d8eb9c1)



# **Notes from PCC Meeting on 1 March 2023**

## **Warm Spaces in Croxley Green**

The PCC noted with thanks that Croxley Green Parish Council has given All Saints' a grant of £500 towards the costs of heating the Hall.

## **Church Kneelers**

Jane Bates, Fran Bennett and Ann Palmer are continuing to seek information on Church members who were part of a group which embroidered the Church kneelers during the 1980s. If you know of any family members who did, please speak to Ann, Fran or Jane, who are trying to link individual kneelers with people's families.

## **Church Clock Winding Mechanism**

The Buildings Committee is investigating possible replacement of the hand winding and timing control mechanism with an electronic system. The existing procedure is difficult to access and potentially hazardous.

## **Refurbishment of the Church Hall**

The PCC has launched a campaign to raise £10,000 to add to existing funds for redecoration of the Hall's ceiling and walls, improvements to the lighting, replacement of the inefficient radiators and laying of new vinyl flooring over the existing floor, to be done if possible over the summer, to limit the closure period for users. We have over £20,000 in hand but need another £10,000. Please support the fundraising events and sign up to the Just Giving page on the website if you can.

## **Condition of the Organ**

The PCC was informed that the organ is becoming less playable over time and that it is becoming more difficult to engage a tuner. One way forward might be to purchase a second-hand electronic organ. The PCC decided tasking to keep this matter under review while the Hall refurbishment campaign is under way and reconsider it later in the year.

## **Annual Report 2022**

The PCC received the Annual Report, illustrated by photographs. A number of amendments and additional items were put forward and it was agreed that these will be included in a further version which will

be presented to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) on Sunday 23rd April.

### **2022 Final Accounts**

Our Treasurer, Andrew Nobbs, presented the final accounts for 2022. These showed a year-end surplus of £9,802 on the General Fund and an increase in the parish reserves, a useful provision against rising costs and any future loss of income, including rental income from the telephone mast. The Accounts were adopted for sending to the Independent Examiner for report, and presenting with that report to the APCM.

### **Revision of the Electoral Roll**

The PCC agreed dates for the annual revision of the Church Electoral Roll, with addition and deletion of names to be carried out during the week commencing on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March.. If you are not on the roll and qualify for membership, please see Chris Fagan, Electoral Roll Officer, who will need to receive your application by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March. The revised Roll will be published on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. All those on the Roll will be able to attend the APCM on 23rd April and to elect representatives to the PCC and the Deanery Synod.

### **Study Course: “Living in Love and Faith”**

This course will be run after Easter.

### **Eco-Church**

Volunteers are needed by the Eco-Church Group to work for All Saints’ to achieve the Eco-Church Bronze award. For details please contact Miriam or Janet Martin.

### **Church Choir**

The Choir is practising for a special service on Palm Sunday evening, 2<sup>nd</sup> April, performing hymns and other music from the service book “The Cross of Christ”.

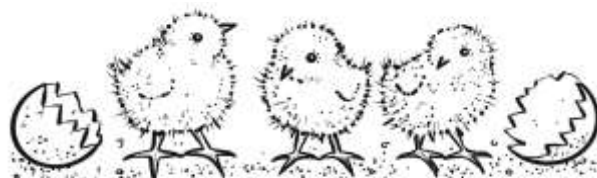
If you are interested in joining them, details can be obtained from any Choir member. Also, practices for young singers are being held on Sunday morning in the Church at 11am.

*Chris Fagan*  
*PCC Secretary*

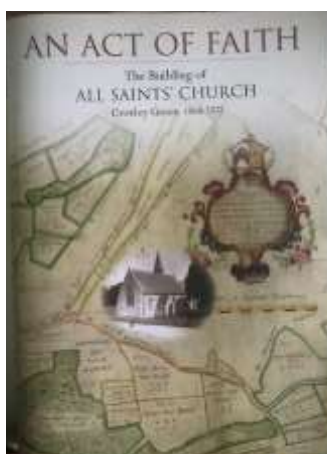
## April Prayer Diary

<b>Date</b>	<b>In our Church Family</b>
1st	Valerie Kendle
2nd	Margaret and Roger Kircher
3rd	Anni and Tom Lowery
4th	Lorraine, Nigel and Isobel McCobb
5th	Jean McLaughlin
6th	Sue and Roger McKeague
7th	James McShane
8th	Gill and Brian Main
9th	Jude, Yin and Alex Man
10th	Jane, Ed, Joseph and Ben Manning
11th	Janet, Graham, Zoe and Samantha Martin
12th	Miriam and Rao Mugan
13th	Judith and David Muir
14th	Valerie and Michael Murray
15th	Faith Nazir

16th	Sheila Newman
17th	Andrew Nobbs
18th	Anne and Chris Oke
19th	Margaret and Dick Paddick
20th	Paul, Siu and Kelly Palmer
21st	Lyndon and Ann Palmer
22nd	Francesca Sams
23rd	Cathy Scarborough
24th	Sarah and Cameron Selleck
25th	Wendy Shafe
26th	Revd. Anne and Don Shaw
27th	Dorothy Sims
28th	Anthony and Mary Smith
29th	Marjorie and Tommy Stevenson
30th	Alice Tims



## An Act of Faith



Among so much else, All Saints' 150th anniversary in 2022 was marked by the publication of 'An Act of Faith', a historical account of the building of the church between 1868 and 1872. Those years were a, now virtually unrecognisable, time when Croxley was a hamlet set in farmland with a population less than a twelfth what it is today. The history was an attempt by a group of local historians, together with members of the church, and local publisher, Greg Hill, to describe why, how and by whom, the church was built and the boundaries of its parish set.

The aim was not, however, merely to describe how the church came to be built, and its parish mapped, but to put the church in its place in the longer history of the Christian Church in England and in the history of Croxley Green itself. It describes how the more than 12,500 parishes that make up the Church of England today came to be formed; how and why the country and the Church of England were transformed in Victorian times and how that transformation provided the social and spiritual conditions that sparked the building of All Saints'. It describes Croxley Green in the years just before the church was built and how the changes that were taking place in the village provided the local impetus for its building. The third part of the history describes the actual building of the church, and the carving out of its parish from the existing old and large parishes of Rickmansworth and Watford. It identifies who the movers and shakers were - mostly wealthy local landowners and businessmen - who set things in motion; how the necessary money was raised and by and from whom. It ends with the church's consecration, the appointment of its first vicar, the Revd. Astley Roberts, and its first church wardens, Isaac Warwick, mentioned below, and William Southey; and the first marriages, baptisms and funerals that were conducted in the new church.

When writing a history it is always difficult to know exactly when and where to begin. One possible place for All Saints' would be, interestingly enough, at Balmoral. It was there on 15 October 1872 that Queen Victoria made the creation of All Saints' parish the subject of an 'Order in Council' approving it personally. A somewhat earlier date might be January 1871 when a committee chaired by

Lord Ebury applied to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners to build a new church at Croxley Green. Their proposal in turn referred to a meeting held at Mr Warwick's house Scots Hill Rickmansworth in 1868 "where it was resolved...to erect a Chapel of Ease to the Mother Church of Rickmansworth."...and an application made to Gonville and Caius College Cambridge for a site."Over time 'Chapel of Ease' evolved first into an 'Ecclesiastical District' and finally the 'Consolidated Chapelry' it is today.

Reference to the College takes the history of All Saints' back even further in time. The Master and Fellows of Gonville and Caius were the Lords of the Manor of Croxley and had been since 1557. It was then that John Caius, successively physician to Edward VI, Mary Tudor and Elizabeth I, bought from, or was granted by, the Crown, three manors including that of Croxley. He presented the manors to his college, Gonville Hall in Cambridge who in gratitude changed its name to include his and made him its Master. But how and when had the Crown acquired Croxley in the first place and from whom? Up to the time of the dissolution of the monasteries between 1536 and 1541 by Henry VIII the manor had been in the possession of St Alban's Abbey. Confiscated by the King it passed first to Edward VI then to Mary and her husband Philip II of Spain. In turn this might raise the question of how the manor came to be owned by St Albans Abbey. And so back in time again, now to Offa, King of the Mercians, who in 792/93 founded a Benedictine Abbey and endowed it lavishly with land, including Croxley Manor. This, it is said, followed a dream in which he was told where to find St Alban's remains. And so back in time once again. Why St Alban? Beheaded for his beliefs sometime in the third or fourth centuries, Alban was the first British martyr and Saint, and consequently the Abbey Church the oldest site of continuous Christian worship in Britain. Thus a continuous historical thread leading to All Saints' can be traced over 1700 years...the first Saint to All Saints'.

Of course wherever it starts, history never ends. In terms of the whole history of All Saints' what was described here were the church's long historical roots. And neither the church's building nor the parish were fixed for all time; both have undergone considerable changes over the century and a half that has elapsed since the church was built. It is intended, therefore, that what was written here will form the first part of a fuller history to be published during 2023.

# Social and Fundraising Committee Diary

## Table Top Sale : Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

Have you had a Spring clean of your cupboards and have unwanted possessions you want to find a new home for? Then why not book a table at our **Table Top Sale** on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April** to sell your items?



The sale will take place in the Church from **10am to 1pm** and tables will cost **£10** each. To book a table please email [events@croxleygreenallsaints.org](mailto:events@croxleygreenallsaints.org) or telephone the Parish Office : 01923 772109.



Along with serving refreshments, we will have a couple of Church tables and are looking for donations of good quality books and children's toys and books, which you can leave in the Parish Office or at the back of the Church from Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April.

The Committee would greatly appreciate some help with manning the Church tables and also serving refreshments. If you are able to assist then please put your name down on the sign up sheet at the back of the Church or let me know.

## Other upcoming events:



**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June : Croxley Revels**



**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July : Music Concert**

Further details will be available soon but please put these dates in your diaries in advance.

*Ann Palmer*





## Caught in the Act...

Another photo taken around Church catching one of the people who do the odd jobs, gardening and maintenance to keep our buildings and garden looking neat and tidy.

Andrew has spent a lot of time, often in freezing weather over the winter, to keep the gardens well maintained. He can also be relied upon, when the warmer weather comes, to make countless journeys with the watering can to keep our plants alive.

Thank you Andrew. Your hard work and commitment is much appreciated.

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## Smile Lines

### Signs found outside churches....

- \* Free Trip to heaven. Details Inside.
- \* Searching for a new look? Have your faith lifted here!
- \* Dusty Bibles lead to Dirty Lives.
- \* Come work for the Lord. The work is hard, the hours are long and the pay is low. But the retirement benefits are out of this world.

### Out West

A devout cowboy lost his Bible while he was mending fences out on the range. Three weeks later a cow walked up to him, carrying the Bible in its mouth. The cowboy couldn't believe his eyes. He took the book out of the cow's mouth and exclaimed, "It's a miracle!"

"Well, hardly that," said the cow. "Your name was written inside the cover."

*Parish Pump*

## Jeff Stanbridge



It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Jeff Stanbridge who died in Chichester on 8th March 2023.

Jeff was the elder son of May Stanbridge who was a member of All Saints' congregation until her death in 2007.

Jeff was born in 1937 and was a life-long Christian from All Saints' Church. He was in the choir there from the age of seven until he married in 1960. He

was a Server of the Sanctuary for about ten years and a very lively and active member of the Young Communicants' Club where he met his wife, Helen Shirt. All he learned at All Saints' sustained him throughout his long and happy life.

Helen and Jeff were married at All Saints' Church on 20th August 1960. They moved to Chichester in 1972 where Jeff was a Server at Chichester Cathedral for many years.

Jeff leaves behind his wife, son James and daughter Elizabeth and four grandchildren.

Jeff's funeral will be at Chichester Cathedral on 31st March 2023 at 2pm.

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## Reg Dee

It was with sadness that we heard Reg Dee had died after a short illness.

There will be a Service of Committal on Monday 3rd April at 2.30pm at Breakspear Crematorium followed by a Service of Thanksgiving for Reg's life at All Saints' Church at 3.30pm.

Please keep his children, Susan, Neville and Robert, and their families in your prayers.

## Animal Corner

We are very much a congregation of animal lovers at All Saints'. Even if you don't have a pet yourself, I'm sure that you know somebody who has got one and I wonder if you know how often some of them come and visit All Saints' during the week.

This month I'd like to introduce Ginny to you.

Ginny belongs to Sue but Sue hasn't always been Ginny's owner. About six years ago, very sadly, Ginny's owner, Pat Rowley, died. Sue kindly offered to have Ginny to live with her as she has known her since she was a puppy. Sue and Pat had been friends for many years and had both played an important role in the Guiding movement in Croxley.

Ginny used to go to Sue's for sleepovers when Pat went away for odd days so she was very used to Sue's house and readily settled in once she had got over the loss of Pat.

Sue says that Ginny has been a Godsend to her as they helped each other cope with the loss of an owner and a dear friend. She is such a good friend, Sue says, but I think that if Ginny could talk she would be saying exactly the same about Sue. Also, during lockdown, it was Ginny that made Sue cheer up during those long lonely days and she got them both outside regularly to go for a walk.



Ginny not only gives Sue a lot of pleasure but she gives much pleasure to other people as well. She is a very friendly dog and loves to see people and make friends. Sue calls Ginny her 'gentle giant'.

Here she is sitting patiently outside the Church during lockdown waiting for it to open.

## The Church Kneelers

The minutes of the meeting of the Mothers' Union dated 5th March 1981 contains the following short paragraph headed 'Tapestry Kneelers'.

*It is proposed that, organised by the Mothers' Union, we should work tapestry kneelers for the Church. There is already a list of volunteers to work a kneeler, but if there are any other members of the congregation interested would they contact me.*

*We will be happy to make a kneeler to commemorate an anniversary, or in memory of a loved one, for a donation towards the cost. Details will be announced later. Would anyone who knows of somebody who would be prepared to make up the kneelers please let me know.*

The piece was signed by Enid Buchanan, a great supporter of the Church and wife of Churchwarden John Buchanan, who lived at 1, Millthorne Close in Cophorne Road. She sadly died 2 years ago.

A kneeler embroidery group was formed and quickly established itself, meeting every second week. The June Parish Magazine of that year set out its work plan and the unifying design for the kneelers as follows:

*The background of the kneelers is to be blue, with sides in matching moquette, and the central design will be based on flowers and trees found on or around The Green and in Croxley Woods. Some designs have been purchased from another church (not named), but some will be originals designed by one of our members, Win Benwell. Each kneeler will cost about £10 when made up, and in order that no charge may be made on Church Funds we are asking for donations towards the kneelers. Either the full amount or £5 towards the tapestry and making up...Forms for donations will be on the heater unit at the back of the Church, or contact Enid Buchanan or Marjorie Brewer. Significantly the minute also records... "There will be a book recording the number of kneelers, by whom each was worked, by whom donated and for what reason.*

By January 1982, forty embroideries had been completed. *The response for donations for kneelers has been quite good, but more are still needed.* By April of that year, Enid Buchanan was able to report that the first forty had been blessed by the vicar. She thanked

Marjorie Brewer for *being largely instrumental in turning a vague idea into a positive one...and Ben Brewer for providing the wooden work frames.* She reminded those present that...*it had been decided to have the kneelers made up professionally by Russell Alexander's but to save on costs the pads have an inner calico lining sewn by Nancy Childs, Mavis Coleman, Sue Norwood and Evie Randall.*

The project ran for six years. By September 1986 Enid Buchanan was reporting that..." *This project is now drawing to an end and, in due course, there will be 200 embroidered kneelers in the Church. There are no more to be donated but during the past five years 16 have been worked on that have not been donated....these 16 are being offered for 'adoption' and as for the other kneelers, the donor's name will be recorded...the cost for each kneeler is £15.*

The end was indeed in sight. The January 1987 Parish Magazine recording...*Surplus wool from the Church kneeler project will be on sale at the MU meeting on January 9th and afterwards from the Parish Office.* Thus the project was completed.

Times change. The world moves on and All Saints' with it. The need for kneelers has largely evaporated with changes in forms of observance and rather materially with the removal of the pews. The question on the PCC's lips is what to do with them. They have outlived their useful lives but remain attractive both in their own right and as a record of several years devoted creative work begun by members of the Mothers Union forty years ago. As part of coming to a decision about their future, an attempt is being made to identify each of the kneelers —in terms of who donated it and why and who worked on it. It is a great pity therefore, that this information is not readily to hand. The book referred to above would have provided all the answers. But whether it actually materialised is not known. And if it did, its whereabouts are not now known. A search of the Parish Archive both that still held in Church and that catalogued at County Archives in Hertford has regrettably so far failed to find it. If anyone reading this article can offer clues they would be all too greatly valued.

*John Galloway*



## Refurbishment of the Church Hall meets Friday Coffee

To raise money towards the Hall Refurbishment Project, we are having a Sales Table on the last Friday of the month at Friday Coffee (10.30am-12 noon).

We are selling craft items, gifts, jewellery, cakes, marmalade and many other interesting items.

Come along for a cake, cuppa and catch-up and see what treasures we have on the stall.

**Please come along and support us on 28th April.**



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You are invited to join us for a  
**Vintage afternoon tea and dance**  
at All Saints Church Hall, The Green  
on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April ~ 2.30 to 6.30pm  
*(all proceeds to the Church Hall refurbishment fund)*  
Please contact Barbara on 01923 720509 to book a place  
**RAFFLE**  
£10 per person

## All Saints' Church Hall for Hire



An ideal venue for parties, sales, quiz nights, dinners, dance and drama.

Details are on our website  
[www.croxleygreenallsaints.org](http://www.croxleygreenallsaints.org)

Hourly rates for single bookings;  
Hall including use of kitchen £30  
Committee Room £10  
Kitchen alone £17.50

Generous discounts for All Saints' congregation and weekly hirers

Enquiries to:

email [hall@croxleygreenallsaints.org](mailto:hall@croxleygreenallsaints.org)  
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## Smile Lines

### Sea of Galilee

A vicar planning an Easter pilgrimage to the Holy Land was shaken when he found it would cost him £50 an hour to rent a boat on the Sea of Galilee.

He protested to the travel agent that the cost was ridiculous. "That might be true," replied the travel agent, "but you have to take into account that the Sea of Galilee is water on which our Lord Himself walked."

"Well," said the vicar, "at £50 an hour for a boat, I am not surprised!"

### For MPs only

At the Pearly Gates, St Peter greeted a minister and a Member of Parliament and gave them their room keys. "Vicar, here are the keys to one of our nicest single rooms. And for you, Mr MP, the keys to our finest penthouse suite." When the vicar protested that this was unfair, St Peter explained: "Look, ministers are a ten a penny up here, but this is the first politician we've ever seen."

### Sermon

A pastor, known for his lengthy sermons, noticed a man get up and leave during the middle of his message. The man returned just before the conclusion of the service. Afterwards the pastor asked the man where he had gone. "I went to get a haircut," was the reply.

"But," said the pastor, "why didn't you do that before the service?"

Came the reply: "Because I didn't need one then."

### I have this son...

One day a Jewish man named Leo heard from his son attending university: "I've decided to become a Christian, Dad." Leo panicked. The only thing he could think to do was call his rabbi.

"Funny you should come to me with this problem, Leo," says the rabbi. "Not two years ago my son came to me with the same speech. I had no idea what to do. I panicked, and the only thing I could think to do was go to God."

"What message did you get from God?" asked Leo.

The rabbi laughed. "God said to me, funny you should come to me with this problem ..."

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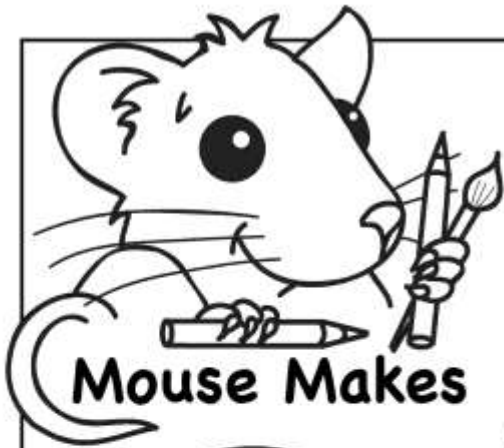
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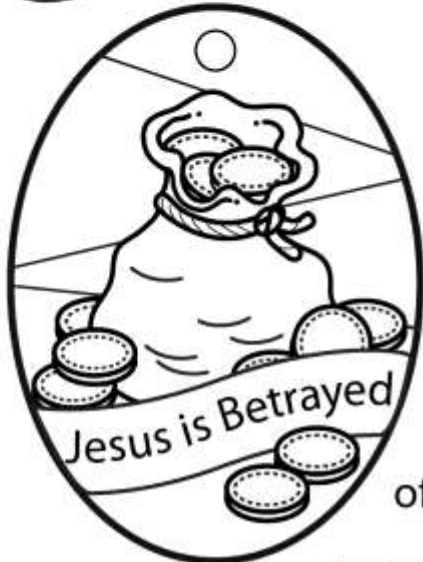
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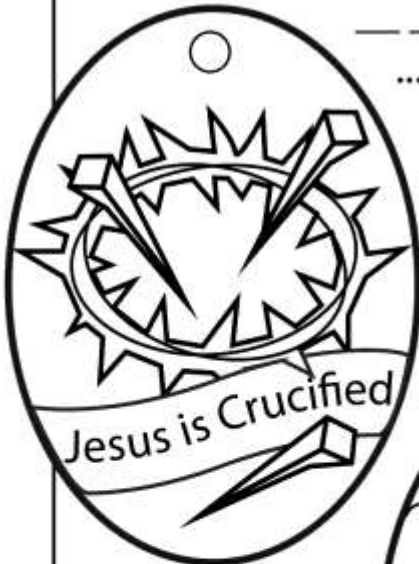
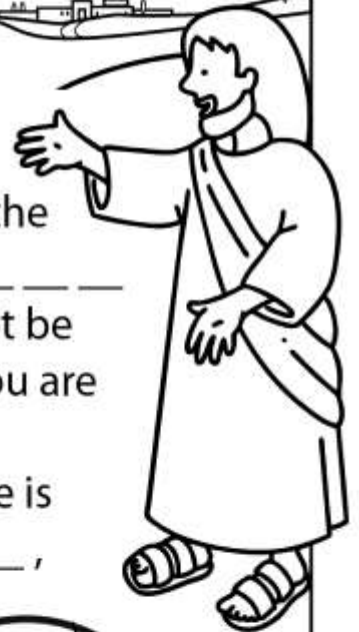
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Read the story of  
The Resurrection in  
*Matthew 28:1-20*



How many other  
words can you  
make from  
**RESURRECTION**



An \_\_\_\_\_  
of the Lord came down from  
\_\_\_\_\_ and going to the  
\_\_\_\_\_ rolled back the \_\_\_\_\_  
... the \_\_\_\_\_ said, "Do not be  
\_\_\_\_\_, for I know you are  
looking for Jesus who was  
\_\_\_\_\_, He is  
not here; he has \_\_\_\_\_,  
just as he said."



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