

CHURCH NEWS – April 2006

From the Rector

Dear Friends

In a recent survey, the real meaning of Easter is lost on more than half of the British public. Just 48 per cent of people questioned correctly pinpointed the Resurrection of Christ, while 42 per cent could not name Judas Iscariot as the one who betrayed Jesus, according to the *Reader's Digest* Magazine Poll. However, other research into religious beliefs in Europe shows that 64 per cent believe in God and 58 per cent in an afterlife. Katherine Walker, *Reader's Digest* Editor-in-chief, said "Britons have a strong spiritual sense, with a majority expressing a belief in god and an afterlife, but they have little grasp of the basic tenets of Christianity".

Easter today conjures up images of chocolate eggs and bunny rabbits, and then maybe Jesus, The Cross and The Resurrection. To look around the shops it would be easy to conclude that Easter is all about eating chocolate (preferably in smartly packaged egg form) and holiday time. Easter to a Christian is much more than chocolate! Easter is the festival when we remember the death by Crucifixion, the burial and the Resurrection of Jesus. Eggs do act as symbols of new life (that is why they have been used at Easter for centuries). Personally I find the symbol of the broken egg particularly helpful. It reminds me of Jesus breaking Out of death into Resurrection Life. As a Christian I am convinced that through his death and resurrection he has brought about a whole new start for us all with God who created us. In a world full of sadness, difficulty, pain and despair, the Easter message tells us that in God through Jesus Christ there is comfort, new life and hope for us all.

May the Risen Lord Jesus fill your hearts and lives with his peace and his love this Eastertide and always.

With every blessing for a joyous and Happy Easter,
Edward, Tara, Luke & Isabella

If we are to increase our faith, and knowledge of the Christian Faith, then we will have to work and live it. The only way we can reverse the trend is by keeping Holy Week properly ourselves, by attending the extra Services during that week. Our Lord walked the 'Way of the Cross'. For us all, so that we may have life and have it in its fullness. So, as we come to Holy Week, may we find time for worship, reflection and time for prayer as we approach Easter and all its glory. Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday and reaches its high point in Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday. These are very special days in Holy Week and in the Christian year, and they are days of obligation for all Christians. Holy Week reaches its climax in the beautiful Easter Vigil Service on the evening of Holy Saturday in which we light a fire to symbolize the 'Light of Christ', and from which we light and bless the new Easter Candle. It is a Service in which only a handful of people attend, it would be good if more would come this year. Easter Day is so important for us all, a day of rejoicing, a day to celebrate together. May we celebrate this Easter with renewed joy and love for Christ and for one another.

Her Majesty the Queen celebrates her 80th Birthday later this month. May we give thanks to God for all that she does and wish her every blessing on her special day. Her Majesty the Queen will be at Guildford Cathedral on Maundy Thursday, distributing the Royal Maundy to 160 recipients.

St George's Patronal Service will take place on the 30th April at 10.15am United Benefice Service.

Benefice Pastoral Group

The coordinators for these areas in conjunction with the Rector are:

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| Elizabeth Brown | Bereavement (Tel: 893112) |
| Scilla Le Pla | Home Communication (Tel: 892054) |
| Judith Mowl | Visiting (Tel: 821893) |
| Rector | (821576) The Vicarage, Fyning Lane, Rogate. |

Little Angels - Parent & Toddler Group

Meets every Monday during term time, in Rogate Village Hall from 9.45am - 11.15am; Cost £1.20 per child, or £1.70 per family per session.

The last session of the term will be Monday 27th March.

For further details telephone Tara Doyle (821576) or Hilly Buell (821335)

Noah's Ark Sunday Club - Normally meets on the First Sunday of the month 9.45am 10.15am at Rogate

Church. Children of all ages catered for - all age activities - explore Bible stories - craft - drama - songs. There will be no session this month.

Further details from the Rector (821576)

Children's Church

Meets on Sunday 9th April this month at 10.10am at East Lodge", The children will be involved in the Palm Procession starting at East Lodge and moving on to St Bartholomew's Church. Children's Church follows on from the Procession in East Lodge. All are welcome. *Further details from Diana Turner (821351)*

Praying For Peace

Every Monday between 6 - 6.15pm at Rogate Church. Come along and pray for the *World* and for its *Peace*.

St George's Patronal

Sunday 30th April at 10.15am - United Benefice Sung Eucharist, the only Service in the Benefice that day. Please come and share in celebrating this Parish Church of Trotton.

Thought for the Month

Time is Too slow for those who wait. Too swift for those who fear. Too long for those who grieve. Too short for those who rejoice. But for those who love Time is Eternity. Anon.

From the Benefice Registers

Holy Baptism: 19th March 2006 19th March 2006

Christopher Richard Arthur Chinn at St Mary's Chithurst Olivia Kate Chinn at St Mary's Chithurst

Cremation:

28th February 2006 Richard (Dick) Noel Sprackling at Chichester Crematorium

Lent Talks (*final talk*)

Wednesday 5th April - Fr. Simon Smith (British Orthodox Church). Fr. Simon is the Orthodox Priest who leads the Orthodox Community in this area. They meet for worship at St George's Church, Trotton on the first Sunday of the month. Fr. Simon will bring to us many wise words from the Eastern Church, and from the Coptic's. If you have not met an Orthodox

Priest before, now is your chance to meet one face to face.

Easter Lilies

If you would like to buy a lily or lilies in memory of a loved one please contact Catherine Hardy 01428-741411 as soon as possible

Spring Cleaning

Help is needed to Spring clean St George's Church on Saturday 1st April and St Mary's on Saturday 22nd April

Holy Week 2006

Holy Monday,.. Agape Meal

Monday 10th April there will be an Agape Meal, at 7.45pm at Rogate Church. Agape is one of the Greek words for love contained in the New Testament. It is also applied to a fellowship meal or 'love feast', which in the early Church often occurred in association with the Eucharist. The venue is a Church, because it is a meal within a service. If you are interested in coming, then please put your name on the list at the back of the Church - as this will help with catering purposes. There is no charge, a retiring collection will be taken after the service. Contact: The Rector (821576) or Judith Mowll (821893) *for more details*.

Holy Tuesday - 'The Way of the Cross'

On Tuesday 11th April, there will be a special service of the 'Stations of the Cross' at St George's Trotton, at 7.45pm. This will be a Service which will help us visually and spiritually to reflect upon - 'The way of the Cross', that Jesus took on the first Good Friday.

Holy Wednesday - Holy Eucharist at 10am at St Bartholomew's Church, Rogate.

Maundy Thursday - The Last Supper

On Thursday 13th April there will be a Holy Eucharist at St Bartholomew's Church, Rogate at 7.45pm. The Service will have elements of the Last Supper, and there will also be the, 'Stripping of the Altar', there will be a 'Garden of Gethsemane', for meditation and reflection after the Eucharist up until 1pm for a Service of Compline in St Catherine's Chapel, in Rogate. Church.

Good Friday - The Crucifixion of Christ

There are several Services for all ages to reflect upon the Crucifixion of Christ on the Cross (see Holy Week times & Services in magazine). There will be a Hot Cross Bun Service for Children at 10am -10.45am. There will also be Services at Terwick (12-1pm) Trotton (12pm) and Rogate (2-3pm).

Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil

At 8pm on Saturday 15th April, there will be a Service at St Bartholomew's Rogate. This is a Service of preparation for Easter Day, a Service of 'Light'.

Easter Day - Day of Resurrection

A day for rejoicing after the solemn reflections of Lent and Good Friday. Easter celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and so it is we bring our hymns of praise and adoration to worship the Lord who conquers death for us. (See times and venues of Services in magazine). .

Easter Egg Hunt!

There will be an opportunity for children to participate in an Easter Egg Hunt after the Easter Day Services at St George's Trotton at 9am & St Bartholomew's Rogate at 10.15am.

It should be an 'eggciting' event!

St Peter's Terwick - Easter Matins will be at 11am.

TROTTON PARISH WEBSITE

There is now a Trotton Parish Website put together by Chris Hodgson and funded by the Parish Council.

www.trotton.org.uk

If anyone has historical photos, stories, details of events etc, that they think would be of interest please send them to chrishodgson@.madasafish.com

FRENCH CONVERSATION PACKAGE: "Going over the basics" for ADULTS.

There will be a small weekly class held in a home in ROGATE, on Thursday evenings: 7.00-8.00 p.m with course book, for Adults. BEGINNERS.

The 10-week package would cost you: £60. Starting date: Thursday, 18 May - end July. 2006

Please contact:01730 821340 Madame Citron, B.Ed.Hons.;Dip.R.S.I

HOLY WEEK 2006

Palm Sunday - 9th April

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| 9.00am | Chithurst | Sung Eucharist & Palm Procession |
| 10.10am | Rogate | Sung Eucharist & Palm Procession |
| (Palm Procession & Children's Church starts from East Lodge at 10.10am) | | |
| 11.30am | Terwick | Matins & Blessing of Palms |

Monday of Holy Week - 10th April

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| 7.45pm | Rogate | Agape Meal |
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Tuesday of Holy Week - 11th April

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| 7.45pm | Trotton | Stations of the Cross |
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Wednesday of Holy Week -12th April

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| 10.11am | Rogate | Holy Eucharist with Meditation |
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Maundy Thursday - 13th April

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| 7.45pm | Rogate | United Benefice Sung Eucharist |
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followed by watch of prayer at the Gethsemane Garden of Repose until 10pm

Good Friday - 14th April

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| 10.00-10-45am | Rogate | Hot Cross Bun Service (Children's Service) |
| 10.30am | Midhurst | Walk of Witness (starting at the Methodist Church) |
| 12-1pm | Terwick | Passion Hour |
| 12-1pm | Trotton | Passion Hour |
| 2-3pm | Rogate | The Liturgy of the Passion - 'The Final Hour' |

Holy Saturday - 15th April

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| 8.00pm | Rogate | Easter Vigil and Blessing of Easter Candle |
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Easter Day -16th April

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| 7.45am | Terwick | Holy Communion (BCP) |
| 9.00am | Trotton | Festal Sung Eucharist & Easter Egg Hunt |
| 10.15am | Rogate | Festal Sung Eucharist & Easter Egg Hunt |
| 11.00am | Terwick | Festal Matins & Renewal of Baptismal Vows |

SERVICES FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2006*In the United Benefice of Rogate with Terwick and Trotton with Chithurst***SUNDAY 2nd APRIL**

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| 7.45am | Terwick | PASSION SUNDAY |
| 10.15am | Rogate | Holy Communion (BCP) |
| 11.30am | Terwick | Benefice Sung Eucharist |
| | | Matins |

SUNDAY 9th APRIL

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| 9.00am | Chithurst | PALM SUNDAY |
| 10.10am | Rogate | Palm Procession and Holy Eucharist |
| 10.10am | Palm Procession and Sung Eucharist | |
| 10.10am | (Procession from East Lodge & Children's Church) | |
| 11.30am | Terwick | Matins and Blessing of Palms |

(HOLY WEEK BEGINS - see notice of Holy Week Services)

SUNDAY 16th APRIL

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| 7.45am | Terwick | EASTER DAY |
| 9.00am | Trotton | Holy Communion (BCP) |
| 10.15am | Rogate | Festal Sung Eucharist & Easter Egg Hunt |
| 11.00am | Terwick | Festal Sung Eucharist & Easter Egg Hunt |
| | | Festal Matins & Renewal of Baptismal Vows |

SUNDAY 23rd APRIL

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.00am Trotton
10.15am Rogate
11.30am Terwick

Family Eucharist
Sung Eucharist
Matins

SUNDAY 30th APRIL

ST GEORGE'S PATRONAL

10.15am Trotton

United Benefice Sung Eucharist

A short time of silent prayer is held every Monday at 6.00pm at Rogate Holy Eucharist is celebrated every Wednesday at 10.00am at Rogate

For all Parish business contact: The Revd Edward M. Doyle (Tel: 01730 821576)

(The Rector's day off is on a Friday)

CHURCHWARDENS:

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| Rogate: | Hilly Buell | 821335 | Tim Salter | 264035 |
| Terwick: | Margaret Paterson | 821550 | Beresford White | 813651 |
| Trotton: | Charles Homan | 817697 | Elizabeth Brown | 893112 |

Assistant Priests:

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| The Ven. Ron Scruby, | 821784 |
| The Revd. David Brown | 821192 |