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Services at the Parish Church of St Matthew

Sundays

10.15am The Parish Mass (sung)

5.30pm Evensong — according to The Book of Common Prayer

First Sunday in the month

10.15am All Age Mass for the Parish Family

5.30pm Choral Evensong

When the choir is on holiday (coinciding with school holidays and half terms) Choral Evensong is replaced with Congregational Evensong

Second Sunday in the month

10.15am Laying on of hands and Sacrament of Anointing is

offered in the Lady Chapel

5.30pm Congregational Evensong

Third Sunday in the month

5.30pm Choral Evensong and Benediction

Fourth and Fifth Sundays in the month

5.30pm Congregational Evensong

Weekdays (During the winter months of November to March, held in the Parish Centre) Morning and Evening Prayer are said publicly at 9.00am and 5.30pm daily

Monday 7.00pm Mass (on Bank Holidays at 9.30am) (Healing Mass and Devotions on the first Monday in the month)

Tuesday Currently suspended

Wednesday 9.30am Mass Thursday 9.30am Mass Friday 12 noon Mass Saturday 9.30am Mass

(Mass of Our Lady of Walsingham followed by a Cell Meeting on the second

Saturday of the month)

Major Feast-Days Procession and Sung Mass at 7.30pm

(Always held in church. The morning Mass may be cancelled — refer to literature in church and on website)

Sacrament of Reconciliation, commonly known as Confession, is celebrated in the Lady Chapel by appointment with the clergy. They are also available for advice and guidance on any matter of concern.

All aspects of the sacrament are in confidence.

Worship Calendar for April

| Date | Observance | Intention |
|--|---|-------------------------|
| 1 2 3 4 5 6 | Monday in Easter Week Tuesday in Easter Week Wednesday in Easter Week Thursday in Easter Week Friday in Easter Week Saturday in Easter Week | The Ministry of Healing |
| 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 | THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD Feria Feria Feria Feria Of OLW | The Shrine and Society |
| 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 | THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER Feria Feria Monthly Requiem Feria S Alphege, B and M Feria | The Faithful Departed |
| 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 | THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Feria S George, M, Patron of England Feria S Mark, Evangelist Feria Feria | |
| 28 29 30 | THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER S Catherine of Sienna, V and Dr Feria | |

The Church prays for the community daily.

Please include these topics in your daily prayers.

April's Pastoral Letter from the Vicar

Easter faith

'Why are you looking among the dead for someone who is alive? He is not here; he has risen' (Luke 24.6). This was the marvellous message announced to the women who went to Jesus' tomb on Easter morning. Jesus was not dead; he was alive.

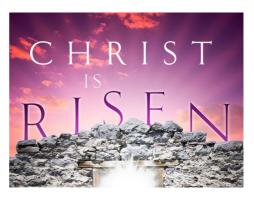
We have a tendency to still look for him who is alive among the dead. It is not enough to study the story of Jesus like the life of any other great historical figure. We may begin that way but we must end by 'encountering' him.

To the early Christians Jesus was not some vague figure from the past. They believed that he was alive and present to them after his death, although in a radically different way. And that is the way believers regard Jesus to this day.

Christians don't just believe that Jesus rose from the dead, but that he is alive today. He is not a heroic figure of the past, but a living person. He is not a memory, but a presence.

The Easter proclamation is not 'Christ rose from the dead.' It is 'Christ is risen.' In other words, we speak of Christ not in the past tense but in the present tense.

Resurrection faith claims not only that Jesus rose from the dead but also that, through the power of the Holy Spirit, he has remained actively present in the world, and in particular, in the lives of Christians.



We can find powerful signs of the presence of the risen Lord in examples of holy living, and in all sorts of good works on behalf of the poor and the needy. Carried out in the name and through the power of the crucified and risen Jesus, such works suggest his living presence.

The Christian is not someone who knows *about* Jesus, but someone who knows Jesus. There is a huge difference between knowing about a person and knowing a person. The greatest scholar in the world who knows everything about Jesus is less than the humblest Christian who truly knows him through faith.

Christian worship, above all in the Sunday assembly, was and remains the primary 'place' where people can experience the risen Christ. Through worship we come to know Christ as a marvellous and living friend, who suffers our pain, takes joy in our happiness, will share our last hour, and receive us into his kingdom in death. His presence enables us to face all the evil and hatred we hear about daily, and still have hope.

Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Your sincere friend and parish priest,





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Pompeii's ruins or a warm welcome?

Are you good at remembering anniversaries? Maybe you missed this one: it was 276 years ago this month since the ruins of Pompeii were rediscovered by Spanish engineer Rocque Joaquin de Alcubierre and his team. As any school pupil will remember, the city had been buried under millions of tonnes of volcanic ash after Mount Vesuvius erupted in 79 AD. Happy anniversary to the archaeologists.



I remember a group of tourists coming into church before evensong. They looked around with interest at the ancient stones and memorials, the stained-glass windows and the old brass lectern. Then one of them approached me and said, "Excuse me. Is this place still used?" Looking around at the ancient stones, I think the tourist felt like Rocque Joaquin de Alcubierre – he had just discovered archaeological evidence of a parish church! The church was actually very active and the group happily stayed to negotiate the perils of evensong.

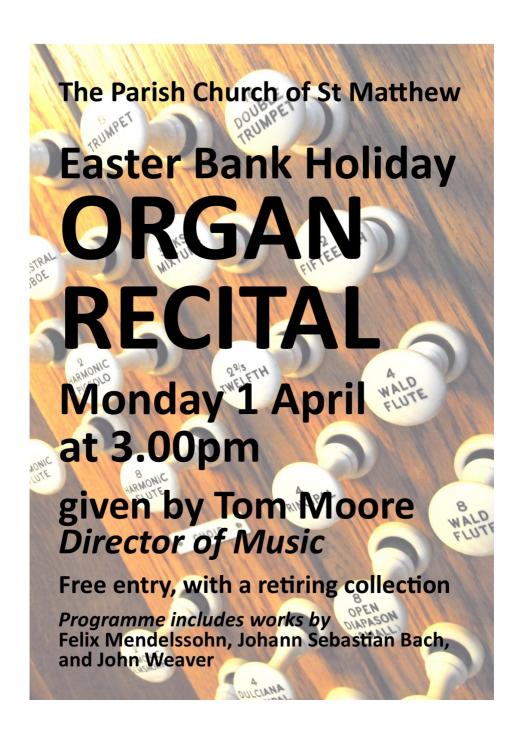
I wonder what people think when they visit our churches. Hopefully your church is open to visitors. Simon Jenkins commented that a church that is closed except for an hour on Sunday has become the meeting place of a sect. True. I know that he doesn't have to maintain them or insure them, but our churches are for all in the parish and beyond and so should (wherever possible) be open and welcoming. I love it when I see a board outside, swinging in the breeze, that says 'Welcome! Church Open'. That is only bettered by 'Welcome! Church Open. Coffee and cake being served.'

Generally, people make up their minds within a few seconds when they walk into a church. Is this for me? So here's the friendly challenge: Is your church an archaeological heap to be discovered or a warm and welcoming community?

The Venerable Richa

The Venerable Richard Ormston Archdeacon of Northampton

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The Parish Church of St Matthew

Monday 8 April

ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

7.30pm The Parish Mass



Thank you!

Following a generous donation from Tim Mobbs and his family on behalf of Gené, their late mother and wife, it has been possible to refurbish the Brass Thurible and Boat.

As you will see from the image here, they have been silver-plated and look exceptional. They were with the silversmith for over a year and have been used twice since their return.



Thanks to the family for enabling the refurbishment, I am confident Gené would have been happy with the outcome, and I can see that lovely, pleasant smile on her face now. Tim, I promise to do my utmost to maintain what's seen in the photo.

On behalf of Fr Nicholas, Fr Gandy and Servers, our thanks to the family.

Seymour Franklin, Head Server

St Matthew's Ladies Group

Meetings are on Monday afternoons from 2.00pm till 4.00pm in the Parish Centre, on the second and fourth Mondays of the month.

Meetings in April

8 April Speaker: Graham Kinnersley –

Musical Entertainment

22 April Speaker: Sandra Rivett -

Little Princesses Charity

Sandra will be having her hair cut and would appreciate donations

The full Spring / Summer programme is on our website: Click on 'Community & Events', then 'St Matthew's Ladies Group' in the right -hand column.

Some Easter wisdom

Easter is not a part of the old accustomed divine order, of the ordered world in which we live, but it is an absolutely new, unexpected act of the living God, which interrupts and runs counter to the uniform rise and fall of the world's rhythm.

Martin Niemoller

God expects from men that their Easter devotions would in some measure come up to their Easter clothes.

Robert South

There is no Easter without a Good Friday. Matthew Fox

Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song.

Pope John Paul II

Perhaps it is no wonder that he women were first at the cradle and last at the cross. They had never known a man like this Man – there never had been such another... who never made arch jokes about them, never treated them either as 'The women, God help us', or 'The ladies, God bless them!' *Dorothy L Sayers*

Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

St Paul

Peace and beauty of Easter morning: sunrise, deep green grass, soft winds, the wood turning green on the hills across the valley (and here, too). I got up and said the old office of Lauds, and there was a wood-thrush singing fourth-tone mysteries in the deep ringing pine wood behind the hermitage. *Thomas Merton*

Thou art the Sun of other days
They shine by giving back thy rays
John Keble

He takes men out of time and makes them feel eternity. Ralph Waldo Emerson

Once more to new creation Awake, and death gainsay, For death is swallowed up of life, And Christ is risen today! George Newell Lovejoy And he departed from our sight that we might return to our heart, and there find Him. For He departed, and behold, He is here.

St Augustine

Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in spring-time.

Martin Luther

The husbandman bargains with the year to give back a hundred grains for the one buried. Shall God be less generous? Yet, when we sow, our hearts think that beauty is gone out, that all is lost. But when God shall bring again to our eyes the hundredfold beauty and sweetness of that which we planted, how shall we shame over that dim faith.

Henry Ward Beecher

Tomb, thou shalt not hold Him longer; Death is strong, but Life is stronger; Stronger than the dark, the light; Stronger than the wrong, the right Phillips Brooks

I am the resurrection. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. St John's Gospel





Next month's magazine

Contributions to our magazine are always appreciated so let us know what you / your group are up to! If you don't have the confidence to write something yourself, just let us have the details and we'll write it for you.

Please leave paper contributions in the 'P' (for 'Parker') pigeon hole in church or email files to: magazine@stmatthews-northampton.org.uk

When attaching photographs to the email address please send no more than 7mb-worth per email, otherwise it jams the system! Thank you.

Deadline for the MAY magazine is SUNDAY 14 APRIL

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Friday: 4.00pm - 12.00am
Saturday: 3.00pm - 12.00am
Sunday: 3.00pm - 11.00pm



Weekday Scripture Readings for April

Our weekday scripture readings, one from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament, taken from the 'Additional Lectionary' which was constructed by the Church of England principally for use in Cathedrals at weekday Evensong.



| Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday | 1 st 2 nd 3 rd 4 th 5 th | Isaiah 54.1-14 Isaiah 51.1-11 Isaiah 26.1-19 Isaiah 43.14-21 Isaiah 42.10-17 Job 14.1-14 | Romans 1.1-7 John 5.19-29 John 20.1-10 Revelation 1.4-end 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11 John 21.1-14 |
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| Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday | 8 th 9 th 10 th 11 th 12 th | Isaiah 52.1-12 Proverbs 8.1-11 Hosea 5.15 – 6.6 Jonah 2 Genesis 6.9-end 1 Samuel 2.1-8 | Hebrews 2.5-end Acts 16.6-15 1 Corinthians 15.1-11 Mark 4.35-end 1 Peter 3.8-end Matthew 28.8-15 |
| Monday | 15 th | Exodus 24.1-11 | Revelation 5 Matthew 5.38-end 1 Corinthians 15.12-28 Mark 6.47-end Romans 5.12-end Luke 24.1-12 |
| Tuesday | 16 th | Leviticus 19.9-18, 32-end | |
| Wednesday | 17 th | Genesis 3.8-21 | |
| Thursday | 18 th | Isaiah 33.13-22 | |
| Friday | 19 th | Nehemiah 9.6-17 | |
| Saturday | 20 th | Isaiah 61.10 – 62.5 | |
| Monday | 22 nd | Jeremiah 31.10-17 | Revelation 7.9-end |
| Tuesday | 23 rd | Isaiah 43.1-7 | John 15.1-8 |
| Wednesday | 24 th | Genesis 2.4 <i>b</i> -9 | 1 Corinthians 15.35-49 |
| Thursday | 25 th | Ezekiel 1.4-14 | 2 Timothy 4.1-11 |
| Friday | 26 th | Ecclesiastes 12.1-8 | Romans 6.1-11 |
| Saturday | 27 th | 1 Chronicles 29.10-13 | Luke 24.13-35 |
| Monday | 29 th | Genesis 15.1-18 | Romans 4.13-end |
| Tuesday | 30 th | Deuteronomy 8.1-10 | Matthew 6.19-end |

32nd St Matthew's Multi-Aged Girlguiding

Mandy Ludlow

This year our Thinking Day fell in half term but we still celebrated it. Our Division, Northampton Nene Valley, were hosted by Duston and Upton District at St Francis Church in Duston, to an evening of fun activities and games from around the world. The girls made bracelets and rings with their names on, dressed up as from other countries, made Peace Doves, created the Eiffel Tower out of marshmallows and spaghetti, and played who could pick up the most grains of rice with chopsticks. Each girl and leader then went on to make their own Guiding light into which they placed a battery tea light. This was used for us to sing the well-known song 'This Little Guiding Light of Mine'. It was quite atmospheric, once all the lights had been turned off. We all took the lights home to put in our windows – shining the light for Girlguiding and thinking of our sisters in Girl Guides and Girl Scouts across the world.

Mothering Sunday was our next special activity night – the girls all made cards for their Mum with the Brownies and Rainbows also potting bulbs as a present. We are fortunate to have these donated to us by J Parker and Son.

The Guides have been looking to build their self-confidence and stand up to bullies. There were various activities, for one of which they had a number of scenarios of a sentence being said and they had to work out if it was aggressive or not. A lot of sensible discussion was had deciding in what context the phrase was said and so on.

Archaeology – this was another topic we looked at. Obviously we could not start digging up the Church garden to see what we found...! So, each patrol had a box, two bags of rice and a number of small items. The Guides had to layer the small objects, covering each layer with rice, and they then swapped with the other patrol who with small spoons and brushes had to go on an archaeological dig to find all the items.

Games are always popular. We do not have them often but we had a games evening; the Brownies brought in board games and we have 3 or 4 large 'garden' style games – lots of fun was had. The Guides then joined the Brownies and split into two teams, and having found a large beach ball style football we had a game of football; this was well and truly enjoyed by all the girls.

The Rainbows have also been using rice... the younger girls made musical shakers out of empty drinks bottles and rice, which they had to try and get into the bottle with a teaspoon.

Since the Autumn term we have been fortunate to have four girls with us who have been volunteering as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award. They have settled in well and are now talking of staying on and becoming Young Leaders, completing the Young Leader Qualification.

Warmer days and lighter nights are on the way, which brings Spring to mind, the time for spring-cleaning and tidying cupboards, drawers and wardrobes. We need to be doing this too with our bra banks as they are now nearly full to the top (although there is still room for more), before we send them off for recycling. So, if you have items that perhaps are now the wrong size or perhaps seen better days, or maybe you had new underwear for Christmas or as a present, our bra recycling scheme will take your unwanted or unloved bras, and through a network of bra banks raises vital funds for pioneering breast cancer research.

Together with recycling partners, textile recovery projects prevent these bras going into landfill before giving them a new lease of life. Successful ventures like this provide employment and an income for people living in the UK. Any bras that are genuinely beyond redemption are dismantled and disposed of properly.

For every tonne of bras collected, Against Breast Cancer receives £700 to fund vital research. With over 30 million women in the UK, <u>YOU</u> could really help make a difference!









Café Guides Recipe for April

I made this month's recipe for our recent Craft Fair; normally Claire makes the fruit cake but because of family illness they were not able to attend. Having searched through my recipes I found one for Vicarage Fruit Cake. Many years ago my cousin Joanne, who is a vicar, made us all laugh at a family event — apparently at nearly every visit she makes to people's homes she is asked "more tea vicar?" I renamed this Vicar's Fruit Cake, having recalled the comment — More cake Vicar?! Fr Nicholas had a slice to sample — we await his verdict...

Vicar's Fruit Cake

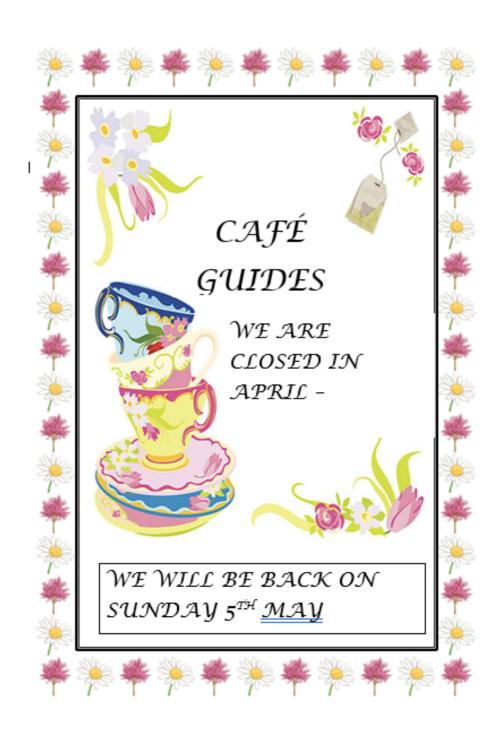
Ingredients

- 1 x 397gm tin of full-fat condensed milk
- 150gm (5oz) baking spread, straight from the fridge
- 725gm (1½ lb) mixed dried fruit
- 100gm (4oz) glace cherries, chopped, rinsed and dried thoroughly
- 225gm (8oz) plain flour
- 2 level teaspoons mixed spice
- 1 level teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ½ level teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
- 2 large eggs

Method

- 1. Preheat the oven to 150° C/Fan 130°/Gas 2. Grease and line a 17.5cm/7 inch round cake tin with non-stick baking paper.
- Pour the condensed milk into a heavy-based saucepan, add the spread, fruit and glace cherries. Place over a low heat until the spread has melted. Stir well and warm through for 5 minutes, stirring regularly so that the condensed milk does not catch.
- 3. Remove from the heat and leave on one side for about 10 minutes, stirring regularly to speed up the process.
- 4. Meanwhile, sift the flour, spices and bicarbonate of soda into a large bowl and make a well in the centre. Add the eggs and the cooled mixture and mix together guickly until well blended.
- 5. Turn the mixture into the tin, level the top and bake in the preheated oven for 1¾ 2 hours, or until well risen. A skewer inserted into the centre of the cake should come out clean.
- 6. Leave to cool in the tin for about 10 minutes then turn out and leave to finish cooling on a wire rack.

This cake keeps very well, if wrapped in foil or in an airtight tin. Lovely for a picnic or in lunch boxes.



Difference

My mind's a map. A mad sea-captain drew it
Under a flowing moon until he knew it;
Winds with brass trumpets, puffy-cheeked as jugs,
And states bright-patterned like Arabian rugs.
"Here there be tygers." "Here we buried Jim."
Here is the strait where eyeless fishes swim
About their buried idol, drowned so cold
He weeps away his eyes in salt and gold.
A country like the dark side of the moon,
A cider-apple country, harsh and boon,
A country savage as a chestnut-rind,
A land of hungry sorcerers.

Your mind?

Your mind is water through an April night,
A cherry-branch, plume-feathery with its white,
A lavender as fragrant as your words,
A room where Peace and Honor talk like birds,
Sewing bright coins upon the tragic cloth
Of heavy Fate, and Mockery, like a moth,
Flutters and beats about those lovely things.
You are the soul, enchanted with its wings,
The single voice that raises up the dead
To shake the pride of angels.
I have said.

Stephen Vincent Benét (1898–1943)

The International Space Station

Basil Ludford-Thomas

Twinkle, twinkle, little star How I wonder what you are. Up above the world so high, Like a diamond in the sky...

This is a familiar Nursery Rhyme sung by millions of us as we gaze at the night sky, but on 3 February 2024 in the Cayman Islands I was looking at the International Space Station.

It was evening time, and we were all sitting watching BBC i-player together, when all of a sudden my son Tim's phone pinged. He immediately rushed to the front door but returned in seconds telling us that if we wanted to see the International Space Station we had to go outside immediately. Naturally we all dashed outside where we all looked up into the clear night sky. I looked at my watch; it was 7.20pm Cayman time (12.20am UK time).

Just picture the Eiffel Tower lit up travelling across the sky. We couldn't see that detail but it was bright and travelling at 17,150 mph and from where we were standing it was 230 miles away. Travelling at that speed, none of us had time to go back indoors for mobile phones to take photos, so we enjoyed the moment of awe and wonder together. And then it was over, disappearing as quickly as it had appeared.

The experience generated discussion among the children. With seven astronauts on board from various countries, working and exploring space in weightless conditions looking at our Blue Planet, who could fail to be humbled by the wonders of space exploration and reflect on the magnificence of the Universe?



More than a Spring Festival

For Christians, Easter is the greatest festival of the year, but even for folk who have nothing whatsoever to do with the church or our faith, Easter brings with it a special tingle.

At a very basic level, it is the first break after Christmas and it brings with it a long weekend. But there is, I think, something rather more deep-seated than the excitement of a bank holiday – the hint of spring, which coincides with Easter, lifts the spirit and gives that sense of looking forward.

This need to celebrate Spring pre-dates Christianity. In many ancient cultures there were elaborate rituals to mark the return of life to the earth after the desolation of winter for it is when the cycle of life and death and then rebirth is at its most obvious. These rituals and celebrations sometimes focused upon a dying then rising god or goddess – an example is the Greek goddess Persephone. She was the daughter of Zeus and married to Hades. In Greek mythology, she was abducted into the underworld by Hades but returned to the earth each spring to stimulate new life. In Athens, her festival was in the month of Anthesterion – that is March. Similarly, in Nordic mythology, Odin's wife Freya leaves the earth during the cold months to return in Spring.

Believe it or not, our own word Easter has its roots in mythology. The great northern saint, Bede (673-735), writing in 725, talks of a German goddess called Eostre who was celebrated in the month of Eosturmonab – our April. The celebrations associated her with hares, with eggs, the return of light and so on, all tokens of new life. According to Bede, this tradition had died out by his time to be replaced by the Christian celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. What is even more remarkable is that Bede's reference to Eostre is the only one to be found.

I imagine that by the time you read this, Easter Day will have come and gone and with it the chocolate eggs, the chickens and fluffy bunnies. And really, that is the point I want to emphasise.

Yes, the Easter season goes on for several weeks until we arrive at Pentecost, but whilst we focus on the Easter story during this season, the overall Easter message is ongoing. The central message is not just seasonal. That is what is so different from some of the stories and traditions noted above. Persephone came to bring new life, was celebrated for a few weeks and then returned to the underworld. The Christian message of Resurrection is with us throughout the year; we recall it and celebrate it with every Eucharist; we relive it every time we see transformation from evil to goodness; every time we see restoration to wholeness and fullness. It is more than a four week wonder.



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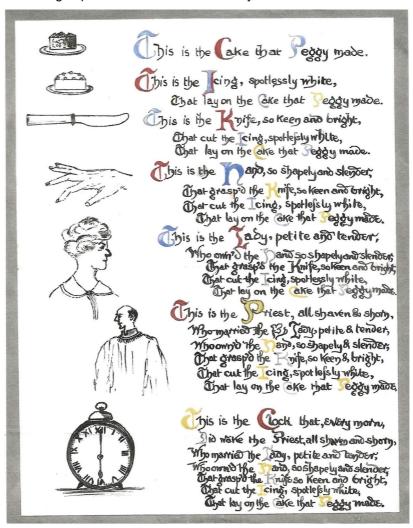
Jonathan Starmer



There is Always an Excuse for a Cake!

Fabian Robertson

My mother Barbara was the eldest of five siblings. The next was Nancy, then Lettice (always known as Letty), after her Gillian (answering to Gill), and lastly Jocelyn (shortened of course to Jo). When they all lived together with their parents at 44 Friargate, Derby, they made a scrapbook each month to give to their mother and father. In 1980 I inherited a number of these volumes, covering the years 1912 to 1914. This extract is from the year 1912 when my mother was 13 rising 14 years of age, and as it isn't signed it could be something copied from a favourite book by one of her sisters.



Mothering Sunday

On Saturday 9 March, three Rainbows, a Brownie and two Guides of the 31st Northampton (St Matthew's) Rainbows, Brownies and Guides – the Wednesday pack – met Brown Owl, Tawny Owl and Snowy Owl in church to do some crafts and to make posies for Mothering Sunday. The girls worked really hard all morning and 150 daffodil posies were completed before lunch. Once we had eaten our packed lunches, Mollie, Margot, Rosa, Skye, Layla and Phoebe had fun making Easter crafts. Brown Owl and Snowy Owl also had fun decorating their Easter Boxes.

The next day, Mothering Sunday, Elizabeth, Imogen, Mollie, Margot and Phoebe handed out the posies at the end of the All Age Mass. We hope they brightened up your day!







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If you are interested in learning more or in joining the Scheme, please speak to our Stewardship Recorder Polly Matthews. She can be contacted via the Parish Office or as below.

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