

Holy Trinity Rothwell

Parish Magazine



April 2025

Holy Trinity Rothwell

A place for everyone!

Our Vision

We are a Church which exists to know Christ in our midst, and to make Christ known beyond our walls

We aim to be an inclusive Church, offering a variety of worship styles ... a place for everyone!

We aim to be:

- Christ centred, making God known beyond our walls
- Inclusive and welcoming to all
- Prayerful and Spirit led
- A loving and caring Christian community

We look forward to welcoming you!

Safeguarding

Please contact the Parish Safeguarding Officer Zoë Deag on 07747 383704 or zoe.deag@gmail.com if you have any Safeguarding concerns.

The Bone Crypt

The Bone crypt opening times:

October to March every second Sunday each month

April to September every Sunday

2.30 to 4.30 pm. Admission £3.

Please pre-book tours with Mick Coggins via

mccoggins@googlemail.com



Magazine Articles

Please send all magazine articles for the May magazine to:

magazineholyltrinity@gmail.com by 17th April, 2025.

Please note the Editor may edit articles, without consultation, and in all such cases her decision is final.

Receiving weekly Pew News by email

Pew News is given out at church for each service. If you would like to receive Pew

News or the Magazine by email please inform our Benefice

Administrator - Dawn Cooper on treshambeneficeassistant@yahoo.co.uk

Pew News

Church Floodlighting

Thank you to all that continue to support us with funding the floodlighting for church. If you would like to sponsor a day please contact Bea (Loddington) on 01536 711326 or Brenda (Rothwell) on 01536 710258

Heating - Please note that the heating at Holy Trinity will be switched off from May to September as usual.

Services in the Tresham Benefice

April 2025

Thursday 3 rd		
10.00 am	Holy Communion	Rothwell
Sunday 6 th		
9.15 am	Parish Communion	Loddington
9.15 am	Parish Communion	Rushton
10.45 am	Parish Communion with Baptism	Rothwell
Thursday 10 th		
10.00 am	Morning Prayer	Rothwell
Sunday 13 th Palm Sunday		
9.15 am	Time for God	Loddington
10.00 am	Family Communion	Rushton
10.00 am	Tea and Toast	Thorpe Malsor
10.45 am	Holy Communion	Rothwell
6.30 pm	Passover Meal	Loddington
Thursday 17 th Maundy Thursday		
10.00 am	Holy Communion	Rothwell
6.00 pm	Maundy Thursday Service	Rothwell
Friday 18 th Good Friday		
10.00 am	All Age Service	Loddington
10.00 am	Family Service	Rushton
11.30 am	Good Friday Witness and lunch	Rothwell
2.00 pm	Last hour at the cross	Rothwell
Sunday 20 th Easter Sunday		
6.00 am	Sunrise Service at the reservoir	Thorpe Malsor
9.15 am	Family Communion	Rushton
9.15 am	Family Communion	Loddington
10.45 am	Family Communion	Thorpe Malsor
10.45 am	Parish Communion	Rothwell

Thursday 24 th		
10.00 am	Holy Communion	Rothwell
Sunday 27 th		
9.15 am	Parish Communion	Rushton
10.45 am	Morning Praise Family Service	Rothwell
11.00 am	Parish Communion	Loddington

Forthcoming Events 2025

Saturday 5 th April 7.30	Kettering Symphony	Holy Trinity Church
Saturday 12 th April	Camarata Concert	Holy Trinity Church
Saturday 19 th April	Messy Easter at 2pm	Holy Trinity Church
Sat 14 – Mon 16 June	Flower Festival	Holy Trinity Church
Fri 24 - Sun 26 Oct	Weekend retreat	Walsingham Shrine

Readings

Sunday 6th April
Sunday 13th April
Sunday 20th April
Sunday 27th April

1st Reading

Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 118:1-2,19-end
Isaiah 55.1-9
1 Samuel 1.20-28

Gospel

John 12:1-8
Luke 19:28-40
Luke 13.1-9
Luke 2.33-35

A message from Andy

Lent 2

John Stott quotes Archbishop William Temple:

‘It’s no good giving me a play like Hamlet or King Lear and telling me to write a play like that. Shakespeare could do it; I can’t.



And it is no good showing me a life like the life of Jesus and telling me to live a life like that. Jesus could do it; I can’t.

But if the genius of Shakespeare could come and live in me, then I could write plays like his.

And if the Spirit of Jesus could come and live in me, then I could live a life like his’.

I will never have the genius of Shakespeare. but as John Stott says *‘God’s purpose is to make us like Christ, and God’s way is to fill us with his Holy Spirit’*. Halleluiah because on my own I fail.

In last month’s magazine we thought about what we gave up for Lent, and how to make it for God’s purpose rather than ours. Although I must be honest I still look most mornings in the mirror hoping that the salad I had for dinner is having some effect on my body!

As we come to the end of Lent I wonder if you’ve noticed anything. Whether your character has started to change, maybe you’ve practised being sacrificial by giving something up or humble by putting someone else first.

As Easter approaches and we think about the main characters who surround Jesus in the Easter story, I would like to invite you to think about their characteristics and what you might like practise this Easter?

Who do you think of?

Mary Magdelene who showed amazing faithfulness and bravery sticking by Jesus whilst everyone else deserted him. There for him in his suffering on the cross, there for him as he rose from the grave. She was intrusted in being the first evangelist to tell others that Jesus is alive!

I have always had a soft spot for Peter, so keen, so eager, yet so fearful and who messes up so publicly by denying he even knows Jesus and yet has that repentance attitude to say sorry and be restored by Jesus. How often we mess with our relationships and yet are not good at saying sorry. Is that a characteristic you need?

Maybe you think of the centurion who stood at the foot of the cross and said 'surely this was a righteous man' after seeing all that Jesus said and did on the cross. The centurion recognized what others refused to see – both the human and divine natures of Jesus. Maybe we need Jesus' spirit to have a fresh revelation of who he was.

The good news is that because of the Spirit of Jesus (Holy Spirit), we don't have to struggle on our own, we can ask for his spirit to help us so we can develop these Christlike characteristics.

Revd Andy Giles



Sing with us!

Rothwell Holy Trinity Church Choir is currently recruiting new members to join our friendly mixed choir.

We rehearse Tuesday evenings and perform 3 Sunday morning services every month. You don't need any previous musical training or experience, just a love of music and community – so whether such an engaging new venture fulfils your New Year's resolution or has planted a seed of curiosity, please contact either

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or

David: 01536 764378 / david_pt@btinternet.com

to find out more.

Choose your favourite hymn

Remember our new regime whereby the third hymn is to be chosen by members of the congregation. The sign-up sheet is now at the back of Holy Trinity.

Thursday Club

Thursday Club meets every other Thursday afternoon in the **Methodist Church at 2pm.**



Chrys Vere (07868 732414)

Marigolds Friendship Group

We are an independent friendship group who meet at Holy Trinity Church. Come and join us, for friendship, support, tea, chat relaxed activities, speakers, music etc. on the second and fourth Monday of the month from 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm. The group is aimed at people who find themselves alone; whilst it is mainly attended by ladies, gentlemen are welcome. Some of our events are open to anyone, not just those on their own. For more details please contact:

Christine Richardson: 07763407868

Jackie Hands: 07484790862

Christine Richardson

Easter Lilies

The church will be decorated for Easter again. We are accepting donations in memory of our loved ones. If you would like to donate £2 for a lily, please contact Brenda Austin, please include the name of the person you would like to be remembered.

Brenda Austin 01536 710258

Food Bank Donations



The following donations were taken to the Kettering Food Bank on the 12th March.

Groceries: 42 tins, 6 packs Crunchy Corn, 2 bags sugar, 1 pack nuts, 10 biscuits, 1 large bag popcorn, 1 box fudge, 1 pack mini mallows, 1 bag rice, 1 box granola, 1 bag raisins, 6 bags pastilles, 6 packs mini gems, 1 box mallows, 2 boxes marshmallow Snowballs, 6 Aptamil bottles, 6 chocolate bars, 1 box mini meringues, 1 box Caramel Dreams, 1 box mint thins, 1 pack cake decorations, 1 tube Stackz, 1 box meringue nests, 1 Mega Marshmallows, 1 bag dried mango, 1 crumble mix, 1 pack Wotsits Crunchy, 2 sachets milk, 2 packs bruschetta chips, 1 tub cheeseballs, 1 pack Pretzels, 1 box Matchmakers, 1 pack Freezy Tubes, 1 pack tagliatelle, 1 pack spaghetti, 3 pack rice, 1 pack Cuppa soup, 1 pack pasta sauce, 1 pack sultanas, 3 Pasta 'n' Sauce, 1 pack quinoa, 2 packs Mugshot, individual Christmas puddings, 1 bottle lemon sauce, 1 jar marmalade, 1 jar jam, 1 jar pickle, 1 jar smoked paprika.

Toiletries: 1 deodorant, 1 body lotion, 2 bath bombs, 2 shampoos, 1 baby shampoo, 1 conditioner, 1 shower gel, 2 small shower gels, 2 toothbrushes, 4 small body lotion, 1 pack bath salts, 1 hand lotion.

Total items 151.

On behalf of Kettering Food Bank we thank you for your continuing support.

Please could you place any Easter Donations in the donation boxes by 16th April next.

Ann and Tom Chessum

This is what the Wildlife Trust says about our churchyards:

“Churchyards and graveyards are ideal havens for wildlife: many birds nest and feed in them, many wild flowers thrive, and their trees are often important and historical features of the town or village.

The grassland habitats within churchyards are particularly important for wildflowers, butterflies and insects - churchyards may be the only fragments of unimproved, wildlife-rich grassland remaining locally and can be a vital refuge for the species of these habitats. Even churchyards which are less wildlife-rich are still important, providing a link between other wildlife sites, allowing all species - especially those threatened - to move and spread.

The sympathetic management of churchyards for wildlife can be balanced with the other values of peace, beauty and harmony which churchyards provide: our Churchyard Conservation Awards are inspiring and encouraging the management of these spaces for the benefit of all species”

We recently submitted our application for the bronze award in the churchyard scheme. You may be interested to read our application and in so doing you will learn more about what is happening in Holy Trinity’s churchyard:

The area is a large, south -facing churchyard near to a park and countryside. It has a variety of trees, some mature and some newer plantings. The churchyard contains old graves, many unattended and these are good for lichens, moss and ivy.

The area is managed by a small team of volunteers who tend the newly planted saplings, set bulbs, sow seeds and generally keep an eye on things.

The wildlife observed includes blackbirds, wrens, tits, finches, jackdaws, robins and woodpigeon. There is a swift colony in the church tower as well as bats. Mining bees excavate in a small south-facing slope. Evidence of moles is all around and some fungi has been seen.

We have two benches where anyone can sit and enjoy the peace and watch nature all around them.

The council cuts the grass from Spring through to Autumn and the grass clippings are not collected. Two areas will be left uncut, one under the beech tree where we have planted Spring bulbs and another where there are mining bees and a good variety of wild flowers; these flowers will be left to seed. There will be posters in the areas left uncut which read “Don’t mind the weeds we are feeding the bees.”

Spring bulbs of snowdrop, daffodil, aconites, bluebells and primrose have been planted in a woodland area under a copper beech. We have also sown wildflower seeds on top of the bug hotel and on top of a small dry stone wall area.

We have a large bug hotel and a small water bowl is on top of this. There are two log piles, one is north facing and the other is in sunlight. We have old graves with kerbs and headstones. A bird box has been placed on the Copper Beech and a hedgehog house near the bug hotel.

Photographs were taken of wildflowers found in our churchyard and these were displayed at our Christmas Tree Festival on our “Cemetree” entry. In a recent Eco presentation to the Marigold group our work in the churchyard was explained and pictures of flowers were shown.

A small team of 6 volunteers from our congregation care for the churchyard. We hope to involve the young people in our Trinity Discoverers Group as well as those who come to Messy Church. We are planning visits from children from the Infant School.

If you are interested in helping in the churchyard or want to know more please don't hesitate to speak to one of the Eco team.

Pam Shaw on behalf of the Eco team (Tel: 07717280584)



MESSY EASTER 2025!

We would be delighted if you could join us for Messy Easter!

On Saturday 19th April
from 2.00- 4.00 pm
At Holy Trinity Church Rothwell

There will be a variety of stations with messy crafts for the whole family to join in together. Refreshments will be available at the end.

Please contact Zoë Deag if you wish to attend-
zoe.deag@gmail.com

Coffee Morning

The coffee morning and Swap Shop in church this month, will be on Saturday 12th April and we will be collecting for *The Wellingborough Daylight Centre*. Thank you.



Charity of the Month

The Wellingborough Daylight Centre

“Standing against homelessness, poverty and social exclusion.”

This month’s charity is Wellingborough Daylight Centre.

The Daylight Centre Fellowship was established in 1994 to assist disadvantaged and vulnerable adults particularly rough sleepers, those vulnerably housed, those in poverty and those who are socially isolated. It is at the forefront of social action within Wellingborough and the surrounding areas.

It supports people experiencing homelessness in Northamptonshire, providing hot meals at a reasonable price or free for those with no income; completes referrals to the Wellingborough District Foodbank; gives warm clothing and bedding to anyone who is homeless and rough sleeping; and provides a hot shower for anyone rough sleeping.

Its hub is Queens Hall which provides a range of services and hot lunches. It also provides clients with up to four days’ supply of food as well as essentials such as household items and toiletries. The Foodbank tries to add bakery or fresh fruit and vegetables into parcels where possible.

There is a Daylight Café which is open to all from Monday through to Friday between 11.30am and 1pm. Anyone can come to spend time, socialise and enjoy simple drinks, snacks and light meals in a relaxed atmosphere. The food is entirely prepared on site by volunteers.

There is also free Wi-Fi access, computers and telephones for anyone who needs them.

The University of Northampton has worked out that taking into account the work of volunteers, food parcels, bedding, catering and other services, the Daylight Centre provides value of over £1,500,000 per year to society.

Holy Trinity Rothwell has been supporting this charity for many years now and we can continue to do so by supporting April's coffee morning or donating to the charity box at the back of church after services.

You can also donate online at

<https://localgiving.org/donation/daylight/start>

Mothers' Union



World Day of Prayer 2025

Three members of our Mothers' Union went to the service on 7th March for this year's World Day of Prayer, held at the Toller Church in Kettering. The first Friday in March has been marked as a Day of Prayer around the world for many years and since 1971 the Cook Islands have taken part. This year's service had been put together by Christian women

in the Cook Islands, a tiny island nation (only two-thirds the size of the Isle of Wight) in the Pacific Ocean, part of Polynesia.

The theme this year was I MADE YOU WONDERFUL and our worship included songs in the local language, including the Maori phrase KIA ORANA. There was emphasis on the beauty and joy of creation and our scripture reading was from Psalm 139 'O Lord you have searched me and known me'. We were told the life stories of three local women, which included how even in the 20th century children were told to speak English, which was the language of education, rather than their mother tongue. One of those who shared her story was Dr Dawn, who qualified in 2003 as the first female doctor in the Cook Islands Paediatric Department.

After prayers of intercession the service ended (as it always does) with us singing the hymn:

'The day thou gavest Lord is ended', which of course includes the words:

The sun that bids us rest is waking
Our friends beneath the western sky

joining all those taking part around the world.

Next year's service will be prepared by ladies of Nigeria, with the theme

I will give you rest, come.

but this year

I MADE YOU WONDERFUL

Doreen Lambert

Welcoming Her Royal Highness, Duchess of Edinburgh, as patron



Mothers' Union has had the privilege of enjoying royal patronage since its foundation in 1876, and we are delighted that Her Royal Highness, The Duchess of Edinburgh, has accepted the invitation to continue this tradition.

As our new patron, The Duchess of Edinburgh is committed to helping strengthen families and communities to deal with issues that impact them.

"We are honoured that Her Royal Highness has chosen to join us as patron," says Mothers' Union Worldwide President, Kathleen Snow.

"The Duchess will bring strength and inspiration for the work we all do. We are especially grateful for Her Royal Highness's experience and commitment to championing the most marginalised, particularly those who are impacted by violence and abuse in conflict. As a woman-led

movement, we also greatly welcome The Duchess's commitment to promoting the development of women into leadership."

We are thankful and blessed to be able to call Her Royal Highness, The Duchess of Edinburgh, our Royal Patron, especially as we approach our 150th Anniversary next year.

For more details about the Mothers' Union our contact is Brenda Austin, telephone 710258.

Penny Knight

Tresham Benefice Fellowship

25 members attended the AGM meeting in Cransley village hall on Thursday March 20th. Members received the 2024 minutes and they were accepted. No one wanted to take over the Chairman's role so Colin Spickett said he would continue in the role but he will be more a co-ordinator for next year. Laurel Spickett resigned as Secretary but still be Scribe. Julie Hindle was welcomed back to continue her role as Treasurer. She reported that the Fellowship are still solvent and kept the subs at £5.

After Colin's report he reminded everyone about the visit to Barnsdale Gardens on April 17th, 23 members are going. Members who attended paid their dues and the winners of the Quiz, set by Colin, were Margaret Wride and Janet Sadler, while the booby prize, went to Margaret and Roger Mossman, After Eights.

Members were asked to give suggestions for the next year's events to Colin. A very happy meeting was had by all.

Laurel Spickett

Prayer Day

On Saturday 8th March, Laurabeth and I attended the Diocesan Prayer Day event. It was held at Caroline Chisholm school in Northampton.



Bishop Debbie led the day with Bishop John, another John in the Diocese, a retired Bishop of Warwick.

After arrival and coffee and a look at the Peterborough Christian bookshop.

Bishop John led us into focussing on all forms on prayer. We discussed Julian, Ignatius, Taize and others forms of prayer. A forum of Clergy and Layiety led discussion after lunch.

We met many friends from our Deanery and Diocese. An interesting day focused on our Churches basic mission to Prayer.

Much to digest and to take back to our PCC.

Penny Knight

Town Litter Pick

On Saturday 15th March, around 30 people from the local community came together to do a litter pick around the town.

As a representative of our church, and member of our Eco team, Bob Creasey took part in the event and helped to clean up our local area.



Mayor Ash Davies was very grateful for all the effort that went into the litter pick, and was pleased to know that as a church we do a litter pick every month after our All Together Service.

If you would like to take part in our next Church litter pick, this will take place after the All Together Service on Sunday 18th May.

Laurabeth Creasey

Flower Festival 2025

Reminder that we welcome displays of real flowers or those created by knitting, crochet, from paper etc. for our Flower Festival. We will also be looking for volunteers. Please contact Christine Richardson or Jo Freeman for an entry form. Entries close May 16th.

Holy Trinity Church Rothwell Flower Festival 2025



‘Celebrating Books’

Saturday 14th – Monday 16th June 2025

In conjunction with The Rowell Fair

Are you living with a long-term health condition and would like to improve your wellbeing?

Coming to Kettering and Corby in 2025...

Are you eligible to join?

- Age 18+?
- Living in Northamptonshire?
- Living with a physical long-term health condition?
- Would like to get out more, try new activities, find ways to manage your health and meet new people?

**Seated
Exercise
Classes**

**Sound
Healing**

**Social Activities:
Coffee Groups,
Wellbeing Walks
and more!**

**Introduction
to Watercolour
Painting**

**Healthy
Cooking on a
Budget**

**Introduction to
Mindfulness**



For more details and to sign up:

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www.springnorthamptonshire.org

Email us:
hello@springnorthamptonshire.org

Or call us: 01604 974995

A Year with the London City Mission

Part 5



King's Cross

Voluntary Evangelists with the London City Mission were based at a rather dangerous area of London Bridge in 1987. I shared a dorm with my colleagues, Oliver and Chris, and a Northern Irish, ex-RUC officer named David. Our oppressive base leader, Rob, left him very much alone and David became a welcome ally and friend.

One evening David came tearing into our dorm, laughingly warning us that Rob was on the warpath. I had no idea why, but it seemed par for the course. David grabbed the door and locked it - just as Rob's massive bulk came heaving into view. I didn't even know we had a key! I remember Rob hammering at the door whilst David continued laughing. Rob eventually left. Suddenly from down below in the street we could hear Rob swearing loudly up at our window. This was the leader of the London City Mission voluntary evangelists, I remind you! David said, "Let's chuck water on him!" However, I thought that would be going too far. Eventually Rob left, but David's dismissiveness of Rob's authority strengthened our resolve to not be browbeaten.

Aside from Rob's bizarre outburst, the wide windows in our dorm often provided a panorama onto dramatic incidents. Watching the police chasing criminals became an unexpected source of entertainment in the evenings!

Returning from long days in Covent Garden, I occasionally noticed gangs gathering near the base doors. One night there was a violent altercation taking place between two groups. I was so tired, I felt a momentary sense of petulance. In the middle of a sudden standoff, I

pushed my way through. The astonished crowd parted like the Red Sea and I was in the door before they could even register what had happened. I dimly heard the door banging as I wended my way up to bed.

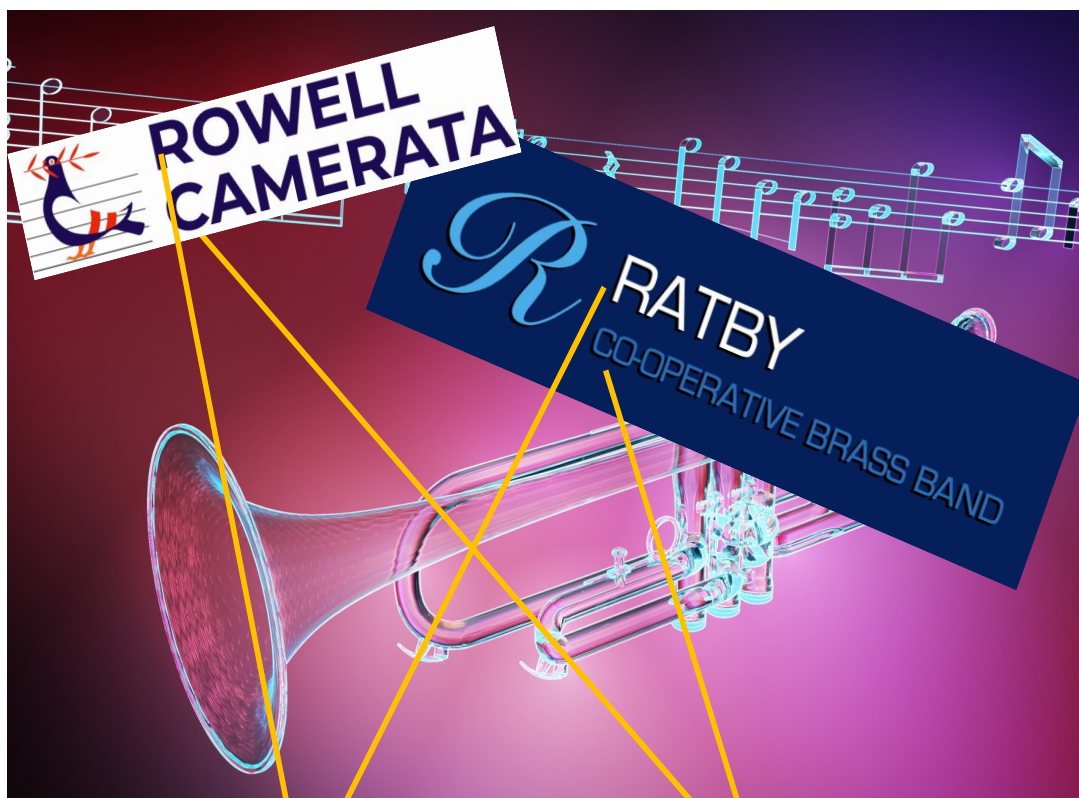
Danger appeared in some unforeseen ways. As we returned to base from some additional duties around 7.30pm on the 18th November 1987, we unexpectedly found ourselves near King's Cross subway. We occasionally used this station anyway and were about to descend when Chris pointed out a surprisingly empty bus arriving. On the spur of the moment, we decided to seize the opportunity to take a less direct route home, whilst doing some sightseeing from the rarely vacant top window seats. When we arrived much later the other volunteers were relieved to see we were safe from what turned out to be the infamous King's Cross disaster. There was no television at the base, but our colleagues returned from all parts of the city with news. Apparently, around seven-thirty a dropped cigarette had started an inferno, leading to the deaths of many commuters.

There was a poignant, almost prophetic, album track earlier that year by the Pet Shop Boys, coincidentally called King's Cross. We used to play the tape when we were on cooking duties. The song subsequently gave us pause because of what had happened to those poor people and what might have happened to us had that empty bus not turned up at that precise moment:

“Only last night I found myself lost,
By the station called King's Cross,
Dead and wounded on either side,
You know, it's only a matter of time...”

To be continued

Ian Scales



Brass and Voices

Joint concert featuring Rowell Camerata and Ratby Co-operative Brass Band.

Choir Conductor: David Beavan

Accompanist: Andrew King

Band Conductor: Chris Jeans

Saturday 12th April 2025, 7.00pm

Holy Trinity Church, Rothwell

Tickets—£15 to include glass of wine or soft drink.

Tickets from Rothwell Arts & Heritage Centre, or www.rowellcamerata.com



www.rowellcamerata.com



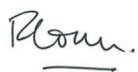
Start where you are

Nothing seems to have caused more upset over recent months than the meeting in the Oval Office between the President of the United States (and his entourage) and the President of Ukraine. Personally, I found it very painful to watch, but what can I do? Perhaps we are too often left in total frustration or helpless anger as world-shaping news seeps into the security of our living rooms. Here's the good news: Just because you can't change everything doesn't mean you can't change anything.

When I was a curate in Bristol Diocese, the former Archbishop of York, Stuart Blanch, visited the curates and asked how many of us were working in large parishes. Many of us dutifully raised our hands. He said, "Just because you can't visit everybody doesn't mean that you can't visit anybody." That principle is true in a number of areas of life. Just because you cannot bring peace to the Middle East or to Ukraine, does not mean that you cannot work for peace in your family, or amongst your work colleagues, or in your community, or even in your church. Start where you are.

When Jesus left his disciples, he told them to begin changing the world where they were (in Jerusalem) and then move on from there, to the ends of the earth. That's great advice. Start where you are. In the 6th Century BC, the Chinese philosopher, Lao Tzu, said, "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." Take that single step. However helpless we feel when watching the news and however appalled we are at the conduct of leaders, we can start to make a difference where we are.

Jesus said, "If you give even a cup of cold water to one of the least of my followers, you will surely be rewarded." Most of us can manage a cup of cold water. Start where you are and, in this year of prayer, surround your action in prayer. Like the young boy at the 'Feeding of the Five Thousand', put your offering into Jesus's hands and watch him do extraordinary things.



The Venerable Richard Ormston
Archdeacon of Northampton

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Point to Ponder

The Easter Festival does not celebrate the “happy ending” to the story of Jesus but the beginning of a new dimension in human experiences of God’s love. St John ends his Gospel with the observation that even if everything that Jesus did was written down “the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.” (John 21 :25)

This is a glimpse into the unfolding story of a Jesus who is forever with us in every generation. His empty tomb is a mystery as is his appearances to his followers. The ongoing story of the risen Jesus is found in the lives of his believers who are confronted with the truth that human beings are made not just for time but for eternity. There are also the ongoing experiences of the presence of the Risen Jesus in the lives of people who never met Him in the flesh and yet whose lives have been changed because they have encountered him and still do.

It was the effect of Jesus being raised from the dead that created the Church which only exists to enable us to see the world and our humanity through the eyes of God. That is why the story of Jesus and what He means to us is an ongoing narrative and why we must see Him through the light of the first Easter dawn.

Jesus always gives us a new day and a fresh way of looking at ourselves and the world. All that should not be in our human nature was exposed in His suffering at the hands of his fellow humanity and his cruel death on the cross. In Jesus, God drew out human evil like a rotten tooth to render it useless so that he could reveal the power of his loving forgiving hope for each one of us.

In the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, God has the last word in the battle between good and evil to empower us to take the first steps to live

life in all its fullness. We often forget that humanity has been inspired and challenged by the eternal dimension found in human behaviour and thinking e.g. unconditional love for our neighbour, justice for the poor, healing for the sick.

The Easter message to the individual and to the world is that the evil in the human heart which nailed Jesus to the Cross does not succeed in holding people back from their true destiny. There must always be a fresh understanding of that truth in every generation otherwise Easter is a dead-end event with no future in it for anyone.

The first disciples were changed from a collection of frightened human beings into a band of friends who had the hopeful courage of their convictions to take on the world. By word and deed, they spread the good news of Jesus. We need courage and vision like that today to enjoy the real Easter.

Canon George Burgon

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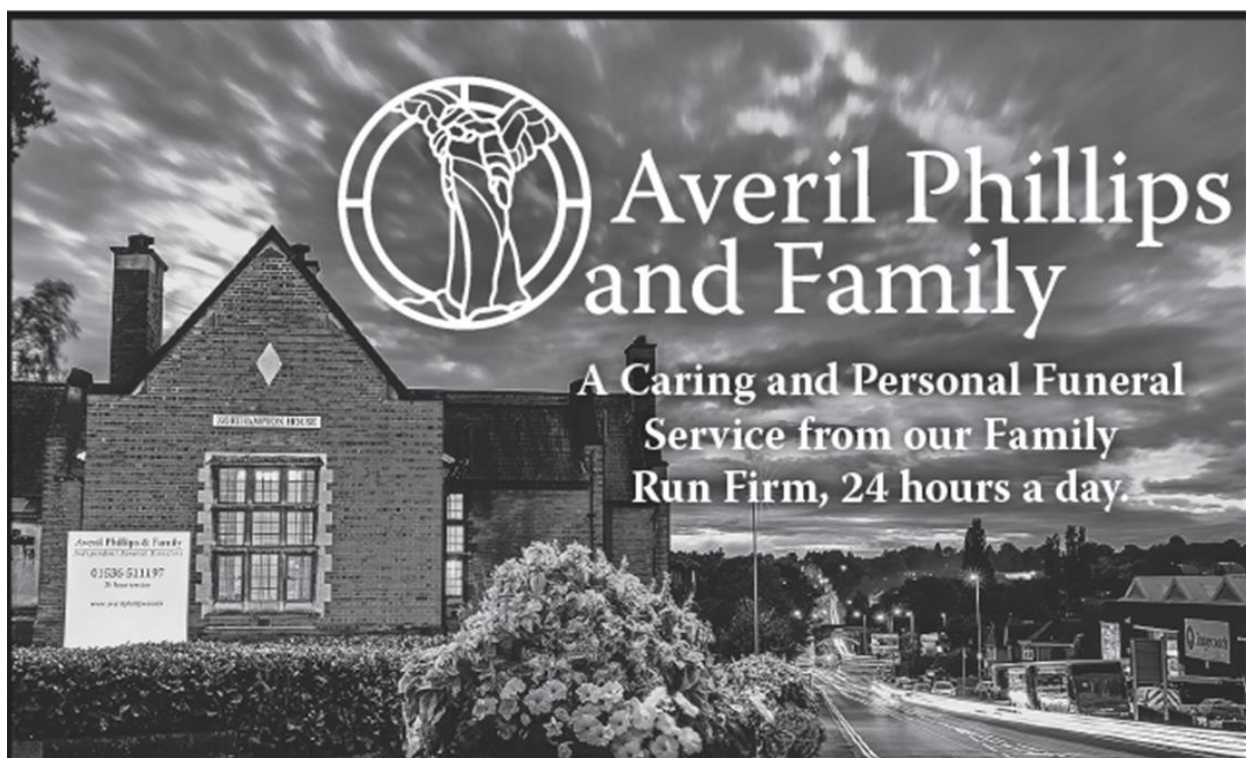
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