

St Mary's Church

By the time this newsletter comes through your letterbox spring will be well and truly with us, but this year everything seems to have been much slower than last year. It seems to have taken so much longer for our snowdrops and then the primroses and daffodils to get going and burst into the riot of spring colour that we look forward to after the long dark months of winter.

Signs of life in the garden and the new life in the world around us remind me of the events of Easter, as the sadness of the disciples turns, first to confusion and then to overwhelming joy, as they watch Jesus, the man they have followed for three short years, crucified and then rise again from the dead.

The Christian faith teaches that we can have hope in life and beyond the grave, because Jesus has overcome the power of death by rising from death. In the days and weeks before Easter we remember the events that led to his crucifixion and think of our own failure to live to our highest standards, let alone God's. But then we celebrate his victory over death and the new life and hope that gives us.

We'd love to welcome you to any of our special services over the Easter period. Here's a flavour of what we have:

Sunday April 9th Palm Sunday 9.15

We remember Jesus' final journey to Jerusalem and receive a Palm Cross to remind us of his coming sacrifice.

Thursday April 13th Maundy Thursday 7.30pm. We remember the last time Jesus and his disciples met together. Jesus washed their feet and they shared a final meal, they then went to the Mount of Olives and Jesus was arrested.

Good Friday April 14th 2.45pm Village Green 3pm Methodist Chapel Joint Service

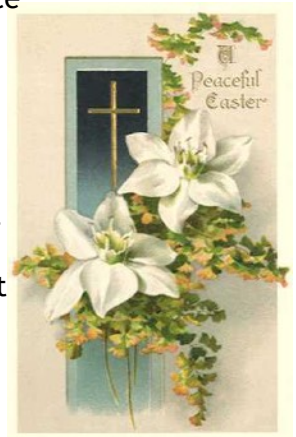
Easter Day 9.15am Holy Communion We celebrate Jesus victory over death

Saturday April 22nd Birkin Open day and reburial of Saxon Remains.

30 April Messy Church at Hambleton

See us on Facebook - www.facebook.com/stmaryshambleton and our website - www.stmaryshambleton.org.uk

See also the Easter card delivered to every house in the village. If you haven't received one Please call the churchwarden.



1st April	10.00am - 12.00	Coffee Morning - Village Hall
4th April	8.30am	Men's Breakfast - Owl Hotel
21st May		Rogation Sunday

Our Normal Service Times- do join us you'll be very welcome

1st Sunday	9.15 am	Holy Communion using the Book of Common Prayer
	11.00 am	All Age Worship with singing and Baptisms when requested.
2nd Sunday	9.15 am	Holy Communion with hymns using contemporary language.
3rd Sunday	11.00 am	All Age Worship.
4th Sunday	9.15 am	Holy Communion with hymns using contemporary language.
5th Sunday	July	Messy Church - details to be arranged

Regular Events:

1st Saturday 10.00am Coffee Morning in the Village Hall

Vicar: Revd Anna Burr 270325

Churchwarden: David Ingall 228380

