

East Loveden Church and Parish News

April 2020

The East Loveden Group



Covering Ancaster,
Greylees, Heydour,
Kelby, Rauceby,
Welby and Wilsford

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If anyone is unable to attend church and would like Holy Communion at home, or if anyone feels they would like a visit from a member of the Ministry team please contact Rev'd Georgie.

Newsletter for April.

Someone calculating how many weeks of Lent we had covered and how many were left before Easter, made me think about how we approach this greatest of the church's festivals. If the person concerned was looking forward to resuming their chocolate intake, or munching those forbidden mid-afternoon biscuits, you know the ones, - those with chocolate chips and peanuts! This could be seen as a mild form of discipline or as just resuming life as it was so nothing had changed for that person in the last six weeks.

One of the Old Testament prophets, Jeremiah, uses a wonderful illustration for change when he goes down to the local potters house and watches as the potter, unhappy with a mis-shaped pot on the wheel, removes it and begins to shape it all over again.

For us being able to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, his escape from the tomb on the first Easter day will depend to a degree on how much we have been reshaped during these last few weeks, like that crinkly pot that was less than pleasing to the potter, have we smoothed out a few things in our way of living into something/ someone who is more ready to be changed as the friends of Jesus were when they came to an empty tomb?

The good news is that even if we didn't do very well during Lent at the goals we had set for ourselves or maybe didn't participate in any way, Christ died for us and lives now to be always ready to guide and guard us when we feel ready to try. 'Like the clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, says the Lord to Jeremiah 18:6. St Paul uses the same imagery to the early church when he writes; 'We have this treasure in clay jars so that the power of God may be made clear'. 2 Corinthians 4:7. Paul's confidence in God's power came from a life change we may not experience but may come to know when we ourselves see clearly God at work in our lives. So may I wish you a very joyful Easter time knowing that for every difficulty we face at the present time God holds us all in the hollow of his hand.

Rev'd June

‘We believe in the resurrection...’

When Christians gather together each week and proclaim their belief in the resurrection of the body, what exactly do we mean?

In the Bible, St Paul devotes a whole chapter to questions like this, and he includes this incredible statement:

If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ — whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

(1 Corinthians 15.13–19; NRSV)

He goes on to make it extremely clear that what he is talking about is indeed a physical, bodily resurrection – we will be given new bodies, similar to but different from our earthly bodies. It is not, as the mistaken vestry prayer says, the ‘souls of the faithful departed’ which will ‘rise in glory’. It is their bodies!

But the resurrection is a spiritual reality as well as a physical one. The idea of resurrection tells us that whatever the circumstances, however low things might get; there is nothing that God is unable to change. Even death itself could not hold Jesus, and there are no circumstances in our lives which are beyond his reach and beyond his redemption.

So, for what resurrection are you hoping and praying this Easter-time? Where in your life and circumstances are you looking for God’s new life? Paul ends his chapter with this triumphant cry:

“Death has been swallowed up in victory.” “Where, O death is your victory? Where, O death is your sting?”

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

(1 Corinthians 15.54–57; NRSV)

John Leach

Growing Disciples Office

BENEFICE PRAYER

Heavenly Father

As we put our trust in you, send Your Holy Spirit to bring vision to our planning, and guidance and direction for the future of our churches.

May we be the salt and light to this place as we embrace our diversity and work together in unity to make disciples of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

WEDNESDAY MORNING HOME GROUP

The weekly Bible Study group meets usually during term time at 10.15am, venue, courtesy of Elizabeth and Henry.

Please ring 01400 230969 for further details.

PLEASE NOTE THAT WITH THE THREAT OF THE CORONAVIRUS WE HAVE PUT THESE MEETINGS ON HOLD

PLEASE NOTE

PRAYER for APRIL

• Risen Lord

• We have to reflect on the darkness of Good Friday to fully enter into the joy of the Resurrection.

• Enable us to catch a glimpse of the depth of Your love for each one of us and move us, we pray, to give heartfelt thanks and to rejoice in the gift of our new life in You. Amen

CAYTHORPE & ANCASTER MEDICAL PRACTICE

The practice has now a Facebook page as @Caythorpe & Ancaster Medical Practice' to allow them to publish information and updates quickly to patients.

	FROM THE REGISTERS	
FUNERALS		
Wilsford	Derrick Dixon [interment of ashes]	14th March
BAPTISMS		
Rauceby	Alisha May Rose Willis	15th March
	Please remember them in your prayers	

**PC & PCSOs for North and South Rural
and Earlesfield , Barrowby Gate
& St John's Ward**

PC Mark Barr 07973845128

PCSO Stuart Bowden 07973844861

PCSO Marti Blackshaw 07976947161

PCSO Courtney Denton 07973847061

Please note that police mobiles are not manned 24 hours a day. In an emergency continue to ring 999 or to report crime and less urgent matters dial 101.

1ST WILSFORD BROWNIES

Meet in **Wilsford Village Hall on Monday** evenings during school term time.
For more information please contact

**<http://www.girlguiding.org.uk> click on Get Involved, or phone free
08001 695 901.**

Leaders needed, for more information please also contact the above.

Coronavirus Update

In light of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic the Bench of Bishops of the Church in England has directed that all public acts of worships will have to be suspended for the time being.

But our church is NOT closed, it's just the public meetings that have stopped. We will be working out creative ways to keeping doing church together throughout this time. If you would like to join our **WHATSAPP GROUP** please contact our vicar, Revd Georgie (rectoreastloveden19@gmail.com).

This is a difficult time for many people. There is a lot of anxiety, fear and panic. We want our community to know that they are not alone and we are here to help in any way we can.

AROUND THE PARISHES

ANCASTER

Although all church services are not taking place at the moment because of the virus the church is open daily for you to enter for prayer; contemplation; donate to the food bank; or to admire our wonderful building. Please

WILSFORD

Fundraising will continue this year towards the re-covering of the church roof in stainless steel following thefts of lead and we are grateful for any support.

The Annual Easter Egg Raffle in aid of the Church Roof Appeal will be drawn on Saturday 11th April, 2020 (Easter weekend) at Wilsford Post Office/Shop at 11.00 a.m. Many chocolate Easter Eggs to be won. Tickets on sale from Wilsford PO/Shop or from church council members in books of four tickets for £1.

ANCASTER YOUTH GROUP

Year 5+ (Age 9 onwards)

New members always welcome!

**Make new friends, play games,
learn new skills.**

**ONLY £1.00 per week
No joining fees!!**

Sunday Evenings – 6pm – 7pm

Ancaster Village Hall

YOUTH CLUB

The youth club is not meeting at the moment because of the coronavirus.

VIRTUAL CHURCH

THE BBC HAS LAUNCHED VIRTUAL CHURCH SERVICES ACROSS LOCAL RADIO IN ENGLAND WHICH WAS INITIALLY LED BY THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTURBURY, JUSTIN WELBY.

PLEASE ATTACH TO THE OUTSIDE OF YOUR HOME, NEAR YOUR MAIN ENTRANCE DOOR

HOUSEHOLD SELF-ISOLATING

We are self-isolating and/or practising social distancing as a preventative measure.

We can't answer the door to you. Instead, if you have a delivery, please leave it:

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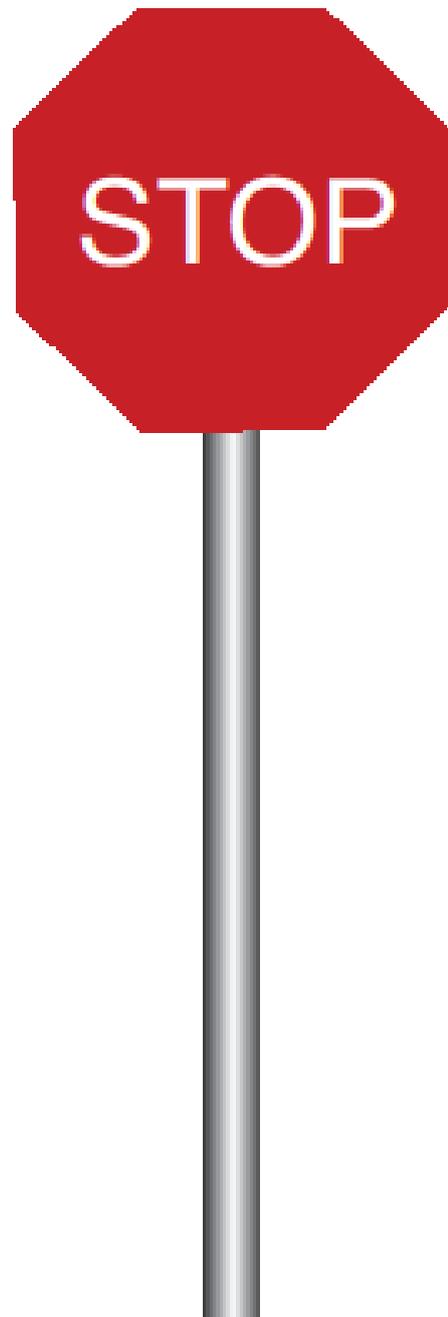
If you need to speak to us, please ring:

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or contact our neighbour at (address):

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Thank you for your kind consideration
this time.





EASTER DAY

Dawn Service 5.45am

Slate House Farm

Heath Lane

Wilsford

NG32 3PG

Look out for sign posts

Bacon butters will be served

Bring your own drink