

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.

Luke 24:1-5

Photo From "The Easter Experience Trail",
Dry Drayton



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What's on

Sunday 12th April from 2.00pm
Barton Gardens in the village are Open, and there will be homemade cakes and teas in the Village Hall. Proceeds from the teas will be for church funds

Friday 8th May at 7.30pm
In Barton church, Concert of choral and instrumental music by the Cantores Choir.
Free entry with a retiring collection

Saturday 9th May, 10 am to 12 noon
Coffee morning in Haslingfield church. Cakes, bric a brac, books, come along and meet people!
Proceeds for Church Restoration Fund

Wednesday 22 April, 8.45 am to 11 am
A Generous Slice: St Peter's Barton pop up café in Barton Village Hall.

I have recently had an intriguing experience. One of my neighbours invited me round. He had spent some years of his retirement researching into the politics which surrounded the life and ministry of Jesus --- and had he done his homework?! His 180 page thesis was backed up by notes and references which reflected hours of careful and erudite reading. He came to some startling conclusions: It wasn't Jesus but John the Baptist who upset the moneychangers in the Temple, leading a group of priests whose pay was too low: Jesus was born into a rich builder's family which had played a key part in constructing Herod the Great's massive new Temple in Jerusalem: Jesus could not have entered Jerusalem in triumph on a donkey on 'Palm Sunday'. He would have entered as anonymously as possible to avoid being arrested: One reason for Pilate wanting to kill Jesus was that his dramatic encounter with Zacchaeus had lost Pilate a lot of money!

As we talked it was clear we approached the bible from opposite directions. He was focussed on unearthing the historical facts; I wanted to understand why each of the evangelists had written as he did, and what theological points about God was each one making. Were we bound to end at loggerheads? No. We came to agree that a wholesome way to look at the bible way to look at the bible, alongside a historical or theological approach, was to recognise it as a book of testimony: stories of many peoples' encounter with God and how this affected their lives. From Adam and Eve, Noah and Abraham to the apostles, Zacchaeus and Paul there are mind-blowing and heartrending stories of people being utterly transformed by such encounters.

This is stirring me to search afresh through the bible for them and so remake the thrilling discovery that God is still meeting us today – and transforming us when we look for him to do so.

David Lewis

Sacred Space Quiet Morning

Saturday 9th May, 10 am to 1pm in Dry Drayton Church.

Alchemy: The Transforming God,

with Adrian Chatfield and the Lordsbridge Sacred Space Team.
Prayer stations, labyrinth, reflections, songs.



Year 3 - Living Theology

Digging deeper – Thinking further

The Lordsbridge School of Theology is back

Ten sessions from 25th January 2015
7.30 – 9.30pm on the Last Sunday of the month
Coton Parish Room
Cost £10, including resources

To book a place, please contact:
mikebooker@lordsbridge.org

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH HASLINGFIELD *SongCycle*

The all singing all cycling male voice quartet

Essex's answer to the King's Singers
sing music from Bach to The Beatles

Saturday 9th May 7.30pm

Tickets: £10.00 (incl. interval refreshments)

From: The Village shop or at the door

Enquiries: José Hopkins 01223 872190



In aid of the church restoration fund

SongCycle are: *The all singing all cycling male voice quartet*
Brian Lynn Richard Baker Nick Rayner Sam Adams

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Mission



If you want to join the conversation about Fresh Expressions and mission communities in the Lordsbridge Team, contact Alison at alisonmyers@lordsbridge.org or 01954 212815 or speak to your Lead Minister.

Lordsbridge Youth News

Peter Cornwell chats to Ben Myers (from Hardwick) who talks about his future in Theology at Durham.

Peter: What are you particularly looking forward to next year?

Ben: I am looking forward to more independence, living away from home and the chance to learn more about Theology and to learn in more depth as well as meeting new people.

Peter: Why Theology?

Ben: It's the subject I find most interesting, the chance to look at the most fundamental questions. The chance to get your head round big, intellectual concepts is really stimulating. You can feel your brain expanding!

Peter: So which College?

Ben: It will be Hild and Bede College. It's the biggest in terms of grounds and in terms of the numbers of graduate and undergraduate students.

Peter: And societies?

Ben: Football, a charity society and probably the Christian Union.

Peter: How long, we wonder, before the creation of a D.A.S.C.? (Durham Arsenal Supporters Club!)

Annual Parochial Church Meetings are taking place at this time of year. A very big thank you to everybody who is contributing the life of our parishes in so very many ways. The annual reports will record just how much is being done by people across all the parishes.

A special thank you to everybody who has stood as a PCC member, deanery synod or team council rep, and to all our church wardens, whether stepping up, stepping down or continuing.

Mike Booker, Team Rector

Church websites:

Harlton: <http://harltonvillage.org.uk/church>

Comb: <http://www.combertonchurch.co.uk/>

Hardwick: <http://stmaryshardwick.org.uk/>

Coton: <http://stpeterscoton.org.uk/>



Cross Trainers

Tuesdays once a month

4.15-5.15

For people in years 4-6 (or thereabouts)
Games, food and thinking about God

92 Swaynes Lane, Comberton

April 14th, May 12th, June 9th,
July 7th



"Cross Trainers is for anyone in the years 4-6 age group, or thereabouts. If you like the idea of table tennis, lots of other games, pizza with chocolate drops and bursting balloons with prayers hidden inside, this might be for you. Ring Mike Booker on 01223 260095 to find out more."



Special Team services leading up to Easter:

2 April, **Maundy Thursday**,

- ◆ 7.30 pm at Haslingfield, Holy Communion with foot washing
- ◆ 8 pm at Toft, Holy Communion with foot washing
- ◆ 7.30 pm at Hardwick, Holy Communion with hand washing

3 April, **Good Friday**,

- ◆ 11 am, at Toft, All Age Good Friday Experience
- ◆ 10 am to 1 pm, at Hardwick, Prayer stations
- ◆ 1 pm, Barton to Little Eversden *Walk of Witness with the Cross* and Meditations

5 April, **Easter Day**,

- ◆ 6.15 am, Easter Dawn Service at the end of Miller's Road, Toft



PIPPIN'S 
Coffee and Company

Hardwick's community cafe, is open on 4 April, 2 May and 6 June, 10 to midday in the community room at the school.
Coffee, cakes and company.
Perhaps we'll see you there.

Votewise 2015 Guy Brandon

Book Review

Votewise (produced by the Jubilee Centre) is aimed primarily at Christians who have become disenchanted with politics but provides much food for thought for Christians who are passionate about their politics. It sees the same sex marriage legislation as the straw that broke the camel's back for many Christians but urges us all to re-engage with the political process believing that Christians have a unique opportunity to influence politics when so many people are deserting the traditional political parties.

However, I would recommend this book for the bold way it explores the main political parties thinking on major political issues such as the economy, welfare, education, the NHS, the EU, immigration etc, against Old Testament and New Testament practice and theology. It challenges the reader to re-examine his or her own views by asking questions such as what is the economy for? What is education for? What does the Bible say about healthcare? Finally it calls for a radical rethink on policy making with a chapter dedicated to what it calls the relational manifesto as we approach the General Election.

Boyd Myers

If you would like a news item included in the next edition (June/July) please email information to K Dawson by 20 May.
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Photo Gallery

On Saturday 28th March, as we set up and staffed a stand at the wedding open day at Burwash Manor. Burwash Manor and their wedding venue 'The Secret Garden' is on the Lordsbridge patch so it seemed silly that the local churches were not represented alongside the cars, flowers, cakes and dresses. We are in the wedding business too – though perhaps in a somewhat different way!

This particular event was also a good way of being present in the local community, and supporting a local business too!

We put together some great leaflets to hand out, and learned loads about the kind of conversation people want to have. This was our first attempt. I suspect we will do more.

Alison Myers



Easter Experience trail. Thank you to all of those who took part in making the Easter Experience for Dry Drayton school in the church such a success. The school was extremely pleased about how it went and how the story tellers engaged the children. It was lovely to have the flexibility to be able to use the church in such a way.

