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Rev'd Chris Pearson writes:

When a thing is dead, it is dead. Surely that is perfectly obvious. Well, as it turns out, it is not quite so simple as that! The story of the death of Jesus fits an all too familiar pattern, cruelly arrested, unjustly tried by a corrupt regime, harshly executed. Another wonderful, life-enhancing, wisdom-filled life brought to an end pointlessly. It happens almost every day in some part of the world or another. The heroes live on in the memories that people keep of them and in the love and affection that is felt for them, but otherwise there is no negotiating with death. It is the end. But wait a minute, there is another section of the story of Jesus, slipped in after the account of his burial. For a very brief period of forty days a series of amazing events are reported. Women go to visit his tomb but find it empty and what is more they encounter a recognisable Jesus there in the gardens. Jesus appears in a locked room and talks to his disciples. He appears by the lakeside and participates in a meal of fish. He walks with people along the road and then suddenly vanishes. What is going on here? Is he alive or dead? His tomb may be empty, but no one is claiming that he isn't really dead. These episodes over the forty days are an invitation to think about what death is,

and it might not be as straightforward as you thought. That is a crucial message that Jesus has to get over in a short time. There is a kind of living that can go on after death. It is completely different from our experience of living now (hinted at by the weirdness of some of the stories) but it is real life.

The gospel of John tells us that Jesus knew "that he had come from God and was returning to God". It is as if he emerged from complete immersion in the force that sustains all life, God, but that he knew that when his time came, he would give up the forms of his earthly life and step back into that wonderful immersion. Sure enough, at the end of that special period Jesus ascended into heaven and all those illustrations, (graciously provided for us slow learners) came to an end. Jesus lives today but that life is bound up with the loving energy and endless creativity of the divine.

Is it like that for us? Do we live after our deaths? That has to be a question for faith. I like to think that Jesus opened the way for me to follow and that when I am called upon to give up all the trappings of life I too can disappear into the loving unity of God and live in a wholly new way, not as me but as part of a glorious, divine "us". That is my version of Easter Hope!

This month's clergy article has been contributed by Rev'd Chris Pearson. Many of our readers will know Chris, a retired priest living in Appleton Wiske, from previous articles and from services and events right across the benefice. Unfortunately, Chris has been too ill to do much over the last couple of years but is keen to make what contribution he can. Your continued prayers for Chris and his family would be much appreciated.



funerals/memorials

From The Registers

28 February	Loretto Nora Eleanor Jane Taylor	Service at All Saints, followed by Cremation
18 March	Vivian Headland	Service & Burial at All Saints

South Cowton Open Day

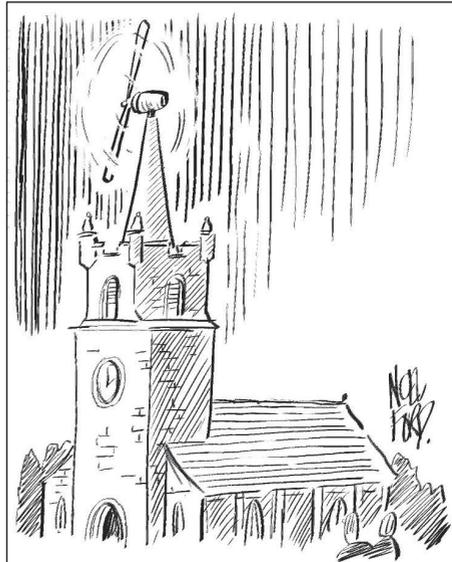
This joint venture between the PCC and the Churches Conservation Trust was held on March 12th, which over 40 people attended. They had a chance to comment on proposals to re-wild parts of the graveyard and to bring the building back into more regular use. Visitors had an opportunity to volunteer for work in the graveyard and to join a Friends of St Mary's, which will facilitate more activity within the church. Anyone who could not come along on the day, but wishes to show an interest, can contact Mark Sproat for the CCT (07392 087 023 – msproat@thecct.org.uk) or Christine Johnson (christinembj@hotmail.com) for the PCC.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting:

April 4th at 7.15pm in All Saints Annexe.

All village residents are invited to attend the Annual Meeting of Parishioners, held every year to elect churchwardens for the Parish.

Following this meeting, the APCM will be held to receive reports and elect church committee (PCC) members for the year ahead. Only those on the church electoral roll may vote at this second meeting. Nomination forms for churchwardens and posts will be placed on the font at the back of All Saints, which is open 10am-4pm every day.



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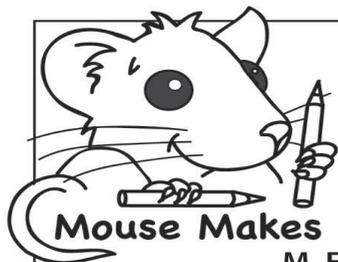


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 Jesus is with us!
 Jesus will come again!



What did Jesus send the disciples to find?
 What did the crowd do?



What did Jesus do at Passover?



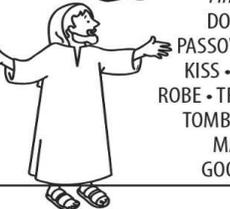
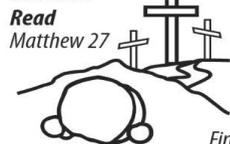
On the third day who rolled away the stone covering the tomb?
 What had happened to Jesus?



Who betrayed Jesus?
 Who denied Jesus?



What did the soldiers put on Jesus at his crucifixion?
 What time did Jesus die?
 Whose tomb was Jesus buried in?



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The last Passover

On the night before He died, Jesus ate His last Passover meal with His disciples. He then transformed the Passover into the Lord’s Supper, saying of the bread and wine that, ‘this is my body’ and ‘this is my blood’. Jesus, the Lamb of God, was preparing to die for the sins of the whole world. John’s gospel makes it clear that the Last Supper took place the evening BEFORE the regular Passover meal, and that later Jesus died *at the same time* that the Passover lambs were killed.

Jesus then astonished the disciples by washing their feet. He said: “A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.” His disciples were to love through service, not domination, of one another. In Latin, the opening phrase of this sentence is ‘*mandatum novum do vobis*’. The word ‘maundy’ is thus a corruption of the Latin ‘mandatum’ (or command).

Ate	Feet	Last	Sins
Body	God	Lord	Supper
Blood	Gospel	Love	Transformed
Bread	John	Maundy	Washing
Command	Killed	Passover	Wine
Disciples	Lamb	Service	World

North Cowton Village Hall events

- Yoga on Mondays at 6:30pm
- Keep fit with Kath Tuesdays 10am to 11am
- Simply singers choir Tuesdays 7:30pm to 9pm
- WI meeting on 1st Wednesday of the month 7pm
- Metabolic effect exercise Fridays 6:30pm to 7.00pm



Village sports day will be on Saturday 18th June

The fairground has been booked for 17th to 19th June and will be sited on the village green as normal

This year is the centenary of the village hall and a special event is to be planned to celebrate this.

The **McMillan coffee morning** held on 12th March together with the North Cowton Allotments Open Day was very successful. £185 was raised for the McMillan charity.



The next meeting will be in the Village Hall, North Cowton on Wednesday April 6th at 7pm.

The speaker will be Eric Londesborough talking about his experiences as a boy during WW2.

The competition for that evening will be ‘WW2 memorabilia’.

Why not come and join us?

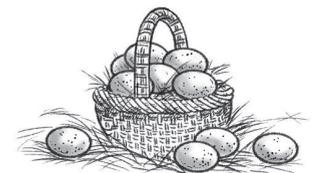
Nitwits, learning / sharing skills of knitting, crochet etc meets on 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month (14th & 28th April) 2pm North Cowton Village Hall. Open to non-WI members

East Cowton Youth Group

The Youth Group will meet 7.30pm. on Friday 1st April in the church annexe at East Cowton.



Please watch the website and weekly notices for updates.



Planned Church Events for your diaries (Covid numbers permitting)

- Coffee Morning – 23rd April – see back page
- Film Night 7th May – Film yet to be decided - details later.
- Summer Tea Party – our postponed event from 2021, possibly on 9th July.
- Christmas Market – 19th November in the Annexe

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All in the month of April - It was:

150 years ago, on 2nd April 1872 that Samuel Morse died. This American artist and inventor helped develop commercial single-wire telegraph systems and co-developed Morse code.

125 years ago, on 3rd April 1897 that Johannes Brahms, German composer, piano virtuoso and conductor, died.

100 years ago, on 3rd April 1922 that Joseph Stalin became leader of the Soviet Union, in succession to Vladimir Lenin.

90 years ago, on 23rd April 1932 that the Royal Shakespeare Theatre opened in Stratford-upon-Avon, replacing the one that burnt down in 1926.

75 years ago, on 1st April 1947 that the school leaving age in the UK was raised to 15.

Also 75 years ago, on 16th April 1947 that the term 'Cold War' was used for the first time when American financier and presidential adviser Bernard Baruch described the relationship between the USA and the Soviet Union.

65 years ago, on 24th April 1957 that the first episode of the British astronomy series *The Sky at Night* was broadcast on BBC TV. It became the world's longest-running TV series with the same presenter (Patrick Moore) until his death in December 2012. The series then continued with new presenters.

50 years ago, on 11th April 1972 that the first episode of the radio comedy panel game show 'I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue' was broadcast on BBC Radio 4. It is still running.

40 years ago, on 2nd April 1982, that the Falklands War began when Argentina invaded the Falkland Islands. A British victory, although Argentina continues to claim sovereignty over the islands.

30 years ago, on 15th April 1992 that the President of Afghanistan, Mohammad Najibullah, was forced to resign when his regime collapsed. Islamic rebels seized power on 28th April.

25 years ago, on 5th April 1997 that the Grand National steeplechase was disrupted after the IRA sent coded bomb warnings. 60,000 people were evacuated from the Aintree course and the race was postponed until Monday 7th April.

Also 25 years ago, on 13th April 1997 that the American golfer Tiger Woods, aged 21, became the youngest player to win the US Masters championship, and the first African American to win.

EAST COWTON VILLAGE HALL



Hall activities going well. At time of writing, 15th March, we were looking forward to Neil Reed's History talk on the 18th March about the Knights Templar in East Cowton - originally scheduled for March 2020 but a victim of the first lockdown. Also, a first carpet bowls session since early 2020 was booked for 16th March and hopefully is becoming a frequent event (contact Kath Marshall 01325 378336). The Friday afternoon Pop-Up cafe is becoming a very good fund raiser and is popular with villagers of all ages -which makes for a good ambiance - hopefully to continue! Other 'one-off', occasional bookings, are also signing up - good to see!

Village Hall Fund Raising Events

The Village Hall Committee is looking to set up interesting fund raising events over the coming months:



Friday 6th May a CEILIDH at 7:30pm. With music from 'the Ceilidh Knights' Band'. Bar, Pie'n'Pea supper Tickets at £15 (6 to 16 yr olds £5)- on sale at the village shop and from Committee members. Come and join in the fun!

AHEAD: The Queen's Jubilee Celebrations from Holiday Thursday, the 2nd June & through the weekend. The Village Hall committee, on Friday 3rd Jun, will have a Special Pop-Up Cafe with display of photographs featuring the village & villagers from around 1950/1952 onwards and an evening of music, food (& Bar)

And on the 5th & 6th June we're having a Best Dressed Window Competition and a Best Blooming Garden Competition. More details will follow about these events - LOOK OUT for posters!

Meanwhile, CALLING all **Amateur Photographers** of any age to enter The East Cowton Village Hall Association's 'Photographic Competition'. Get snapping! Submitted photos must illustrate the theme 'The Jubilee Year in East Cowton' Take photos anywhere 'tween April & up to 18th July; Aiming for photos to be 8"x10" when possible (help given if required). Exhibition of printed photos will be held in the Hall until eventually prizes will be announced on the 9th December. Entry fee, for up to 4 prints per person: adults - £5, u16.s - £2:50. Further details in coming weeks. CONTACT Jim Crabbe for entry form.

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For further information or to obtain Membership Form please contact our Membership Secretary, Elaine Smith on 01325 378630. We look forward to welcoming both new and returning members.

Get going this Spring!

One thing you need to put at the top of your list this Spring is to simply MOVE. Whether you like gardening, cycling, jogging, walking or any other activity, make certain that you do some of it every day. As Prof James Goodwin, of the Brain Health Network in London explains, "Only 25 per cent of our ageing – both physical and mental – is determined by our DNA. The other 75 per cent is lifestyle and our environment, over which we have a lot of choice."

He goes to explain that aerobic exercise indirectly stimulates the brain, and thus rejuvenates it. "Prolonged daily sitting down is the enemy of brain health." Prof Goodwin also advises people to develop a healthy routine and stick to it. "Constantly varying bedtimes, drinking and eating excesses, and irregular habits are bad for you."

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Past examples of help connected with education, both formal and informal are: help towards purchase of items like books and equipment connected with school subjects e.g. musical instruments; help towards a course fee - e.g. a Year 13 student received some help towards the costs of a training course to become a swimming teacher's assistant. Also, EC School has received help towards the purchase of equipment; our village drama group 'CATS' received help towards funding a young persons' 'Dance & Theatre' workshop. If requiring further information please contact a committee member. If applying for a grant please make it in the form of a hard copy letter & post it to Stuart Barker, 30 Wycliffe Road East Cowton DL70DZ (tel:01325 378335; e-mail stuartbarker44@btinternet.com); other committee members are Helen Dudman, Ann Flintoff, Jane Green.

Friends of East Cowton Primary School – charity number 1062613

Something for the children this Easter!

Chocolate Easter Bingo – East Cowton Village Hall

Friday 8th April, 5.45pm – pre booking essential.

Easter Sunday Morning Egg Hunt 9.30am to 11am. 17th April

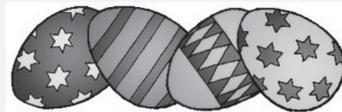
Meet on foot at the Gates to Pepper Arden to start the Easter Trail and to win your prizes £3/child prebooking essential.

Bacon & Sausage Butties, & hot drinks available from ‘Proper Pizzas’

For more details and to book spaces email: friendsoftheschool2021@outlook.com

Sponsored Walk A circular walk on Sunday 22nd May 10am starting at East Cowton School.

More details as above.



How to have some happiness this April

‘April is the cruellest month,’ wrote TS Eliot at the beginning of his magisterial poem, *The Wasteland*. And it is a good description of what April may bring us, between the war in Ukraine and soaring energy prices.

But apparently, major problems do not mean that we can’t enjoy anything. According to the ‘science of happiness,’ fuelled by advances in brain-scanning technology and a cultural shift towards seeing happiness as a key index in human development, there is a way through the deep gloom that hangs over this month.

Neuroscientists suggest that even while we are dealing with the big problems of life, we can also make room for ‘small, fleeting moments of fulfilment’. These can range from holding the hand of a loved one, to appreciating the daffodils in your garden, to enjoying a cup of tea with a good friend. Such moments of quiet contentment are ‘joyful vignettes’ which can be the bread and butter of our daily human happiness. As one writer has said: “Hold on to the small moments and the bigger picture of gloom doesn’t have to be as overwhelming as it first seems.

Children and energy drinks

Up to a third of our children are consuming energy drinks every week, according to recent research by the British Medical Journal.

The study, commissioned by the government, found that some under-18s have as many as five or more a week.

Now experts have found that too many energy drinks lead to physical symptoms such as having trouble sleeping, irritability, headaches, and stomach problems. Having an energy drink on five or more days a week can result in low psychological, physical, educational and overall well-being.

One scientist from the University of York said that the findings “offer support for a Government policy banning the sale of energy drinks to children.”

WISKE BENEFICE SERVICE ROTA APRIL 2022						
	APPLETON WISKE	BIRKBY	DANBY WISKE	EAST COWTON	GREAT SMEATON	Readings
3 rd April Lent 5			11.00am Morning Worship		9.00am Holy Communion	Isaiah 43.16-21 Psalm 126 Philippians 3.4b-14 John 12.1-8
10 th April Palm Sunday	9.00am Holy Communion	9.00am Holy Communion (BCP)		11.00am Baptism / Informal service		Isaiah 50.4-9a; Psalm 118; Philippians 2.5-11; Luke 19.28-40
17 th April Easter Sunday	9.00am Holy Communion	9.00am Holy Communion (BCP)	11.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Holy Communion	9.00am Holy Communion	Acts 10.34-43; Psalm 118 1Cor15.19-26; Luke 24.1-12
24 th April	9.00am Holy Communion	9.00am Morning Prayer (BCP)				Acts 5.27-32 Psalm 150 Revelation 1.4-8 John 20.19-31
1 st May			11.00am Morning Worship		9.00am Holy Communion	Acts 9.1-6,(7-20); Psalm 30; Revelation 5.11-14; John 21.1-19

EASTER

Holy Week and Easter across the Wiske Benefice

Monday 11th 7pm Appleton Wiske - Compline and Holy week Reflection

Tuesday 12th 7pm Danby Wiske - Compline and Holy week Reflection

Wednesday 13th 7pm Birkby - Compline and Holy week Reflection

(These will also be available on Zoom and FaceBook)

Maundy Thursday 14th 7pm Great Smeaton. A simple Holy Communion as we remember the last supper.

Good Friday 15th

10- 11.30am East Cowton Annexe Easter Gardens and Crafts workshop inc. refreshments and Hot cross buns

2-3pm All Saints East Cowton – A time to reflect on the cross with silence, readings & hymns. (This will also be available on Zoom and FaceBook)

7pm Danby Wiske 'The way of the Cross'. Hymns and Readings looking at the Easter Story.

Easter Sunday 17th

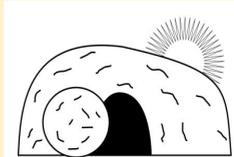
9am Holy Communion Appleton Wiske

9am Holy Communion Birkby

9am Holy Communion Great Smeaton

11am Holy Communion Danby Wiske

11am Holy Communion East Cowton



Coffee Morning – All Saints Annexe

Saturday April 23rd 10.30 – 12.30

St George's Day will be celebrated, and Jubilee trees dedicated.

Stalls to include raffle, books, produce and a seed exchange (bring along your excess seeds, and for a small donation, take a different packet home!)

JUBILEE TREES

To mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, 3 Rowan Trees, Sorbus auc. Joseph Rock, Sorbus auc. Maderensis and Sorbus auc Villmorinii, have been planted in the grounds of All Saints' Church.

Everyone will be welcome at the "official" planting taking place at 11.00am at the Coffee Morning on St Georges' Day, 23 April 2022.

**The deadline for the May magazine is
15 April**