

## April Services and Events

<b>Sunday 2</b>	<b>08.00</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	<b>09.30</b>	<b>Café Church followed by Holy Communion</b>
<b>Sunday 9</b>	<b>08.00</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<i>Palm Sunday</i>	<b>09.30</b>	<b>Sung Communion with Palm Crosses</b>
	<b>11.00</b>	<b>Annual Church Meetings in church</b>
	<b>18.00</b>	<b>Choral Evensong</b>
<b>Monday 10</b>	<b>19.30</b>	<b>Holy Monday Devotion with Communion</b>
<b>Tuesday 11</b>	<b>19.30</b>	<b>Holy Tuesday Devotion with Communion</b>
<b>Wednesday 12</b>	<b>19.30</b>	<b>Holy Wednesday Devotion with Communion</b>
<b>Thursday 13</b>	<b>20.00</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday Sung Communion followed by Silent Vigil until Midnight</b>
<b>Friday 14</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>Family Service and Refreshments</b>
<i>Good Friday</i>	<b>11.00</b>	<b>Children's workshop (until 12.00)</b>
	<b>14.00</b>	<b>Good Friday Devotion (1 hour)</b>
<b>Sunday 16</b>	<b>08.00</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<i>Easter Day</i>	<b>09.30</b>	<b>Festival Sung Communion</b>
<b>Saturday 22</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>Women's Group at Rowe Hall</b>
<b>Sunday 23</b>	<b>08.00</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	<b>09.30</b>	<b>Sung Communion and Children's Groups</b>
<b>Sunday 30</b>	<b>08.00</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	<b>09.30</b>	<b>Sung Communion</b>
	<b>12.30</b>	<b>Bring &amp; Share Lunch</b>

*They found the stone rolled away*



**Forty days and forty nights.**



## Welcome

Lent is a busy time for our church this year. In addition to 40 acts of generosity (one for each day of Lent) we have the APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) and the recommencement of the recruitment process for a new vicar. Nature's backdrop is the array of daffodils that have appeared to cheer us up. Not for nothing are they also known as Lent Lilies.

Whatever you are involved in this Lent do please consider writing something for TLP.

Alternatively if you have ideas for content do please get in touch. I am usually in the hall after the 9.30 service but you can also text me on 07778 127670 or email me at [thelisteningpost@cuddingtonparish.org.uk](mailto:thelisteningpost@cuddingtonparish.org.uk)

Linda Charlton (Editor)

## The Best Laid Plans.....

As you know, we had been looking forward to welcoming Rev Lynn Hellmuth as our priest-in-charge on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Lynn, who is currently priest-in-charge of our neighbouring parish, St John's, Stoneleigh, had felt called to come and lead us forward. We had lately been through challenging times, and we were looking forward to a refreshing new era.

Unfortunately, Lynn has very recently had to withdraw her acceptance of the offer to be priest-in-charge at St Mary's, owing to illness. A diagnosis of hypothyroidism has been made, which has been identified as the cause of her recent ill health. The prognosis is good, but the treatment period will last at least six months, and therefore Lynn has done the honourable thing and withdrawn her acceptance.

It is with great sadness that we have accepted her withdrawal. Lynn would have given us a fresh start, and we were very nearly there. But we recognise that this is a serious condition that requires

months of treatment, and we felt that our parish needs a full commitment of both time and energy.

And so we start again. We worked hard at preparing a condensed parish profile when we initially knew that Lynn was interested in the position. We now need to expand the profile, giving details of the parish and the surrounding area, and updating photographs, so that we have a modern and appealing parish profile to be circulated to future applicants.

We hope that this will be completed shortly, and that the position of priest-in-charge of St Mary's will then be advertised.

In the meantime, thank you to everyone for your hard work, support, and love during this vacancy. And thank you, especially, to John and Daphne for all that they have done so far, and are continuing to do, to make the life of our Church run so very smoothly.

**Sara and Dan, Churchwardens**

## What a success!



All the members at the 2nd Cuddington Scout Group want to thank everyone at St Marys who so kindly supporting our application to the One Family Foundation.

You will recall that the Scout Group was the regional finalist in a bid for a £25,000 grant from the Foundation, and that success rested on the number of online votes cast in support of the Group. Over four thousand voters gave their support.

We were neck and neck with the Athena Dance Academy from Durham, and first place switched back and forth in the run up to the closing date. Every vote counted! As the placings were taken off the web site 15 minutes before the close of voting we had to wait until the 14th December for the news that we had won the £25,000.

The One Family Foundation marked the event by a presentation at the Group Headquarters (Rowe Hall) in January by presenting a commemorative plaque and producing a celebration cake in the form of a Scout shirt.

The grant was to help the Group improve access and facilities for disabled people at Rowe Hall. The work has now been completed and Rio Paralympian Tania Nadarajah cut the ribbon at the official opening on 17 March.

Success with the application was the direct result of the fantastic support we received from the community, so on behalf of all the Scouts, thank you for the most wonderful Christmas present.

**Martin Gerrard  
Group Scout Leader**