

**ENSTONE ENSIGN**  
Number 399 April 2018  
Newsletter for Enstone Parish

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Services from April to mid-May

8 <sup>th</sup> April	Chadlington	8.00 am	Holy Communion [BCP]
	Ascott	10.00 am	Holy Communion [CW]
15 <sup>th</sup> April	Enstone	8.00 am	Holy Communion [BCP]
	Spelsbury	10.00 am	Holy Communion [CW]
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Ascott	8.00 am	Holy Communion [BCP]
	Chadlington	10.00 am	Shared Communion
29 <sup>th</sup> April	Chadlington	10.00 am	Holy Communion [CW]
6 <sup>th</sup> May	Enstone	8.00 am	Holy Communion [BCP]
	Spelsbury	10.00 am	Holy Communion [CW]
13 <sup>th</sup> May	Chadlington	8.00 am	Holy Communion [BCP]
	Ascott	10.00 am	Holy Communion [CW]

From the Registers:-

**Deaths:-**

Elsie Lovegrove	30 <sup>th</sup> January	Enstone
Mary Mills	19 <sup>th</sup> March	Enstone

**Wedding:-**

Christopher Edeson and Rebecca Brice	17 <sup>th</sup> March	Enstone
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**ST. TERESA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, FISHERS LANE, CHARLBURY**

By kindness of the Vicar and Church Wardens of St Kenelm's Church, Church Enstone, our Mass will be celebrated on Sunday April 8<sup>th</sup> at **9.00am** at St Kenelm's Church. Mass at St Teresa's is 9.15 on Sundays and 9.30 on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. In case of snow and ice on the roads, please ring Peter Clifton 01993 891956 for information.

The Parish Priest is Fr Tony Joyce, at Holy Trinity Rectory, London Rd, Chipping Norton OX7 5AX. [holytrinityrchippy@gmail.com](mailto:holytrinityrchippy@gmail.com) 01608 642703

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**All items for the May Ensign in by 28<sup>th</sup> April (or sooner, if you have it ready) please, to Hillside (blue door opposite Harrow pub) or ring 677231 for shorter items. You can also email me at [info@andreabates.co.uk](mailto:info@andreabates.co.uk)**

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**FROM THE RECTOR**

A number of years ago, there was a fascinating programme on BBC2 about an Anglican vicar, Peter Owen Jones, and his epic challenge - to travel the globe and observe and take part in the most important rituals of 80 of the worlds faiths. In some of the programmes the viewer witnessed him visiting the tombs

of some of the founders of these 80 faith groups. Indeed, you can visit the tombs of the founders of all the great world religions except one. Or rather, you can visit his tomb in Jerusalem, but it's conspicuously empty. Right at the heart of the Christian story is nothing - an empty space. And it's that empty space which Christians all over the world celebrate at Easter. When a group of women disciples visited the tomb of Jesus on the third day after his death, they were surprised to find the huge stone at its entrance rolled back. They were even more surprised to discover a 'young man in white robes' sitting inside it. The third surprise - the greatest of them all - was what he told them. 'You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified', he said. 'He is not here; he is risen'. The women had come to anoint a corpse, but instead they were to celebrate a new life. 'Go and tell his disciples'. Nothing could more powerfully express the heart of the Easter message than those simple but mind-blowing words: 'Not here'. Rather like those women, at Easter many of us go to the cemetery or the crematorium as an act of love, to leave some flowers and perhaps say a prayer at the grave of a loved one. But in our heart of hearts we know that they are not there. They have 'gone' - but where? According to the teaching of Saint Paul, they have 'departed to be with Christ, which is far better'. Perhaps the very best notice for the gates of a churchyard would be those simple words: 'They are not here. They are risen' - seven words that speak the heart of the Easter faith, for what was true of Jesus Christ, is true for all those whose faith is in the risen Saviour. In many churches up and down Britain, the Easter hymns are sung and the message of the resurrection celebrated in a building literally surrounded by the churchyard. What a wonderful paradox! In the heart of the place of death we boldly state that in the truest sense of the word, those graves are as empty as was the grave of Jesus. That - not hot cross buns, chocolate rabbits or fancy bonnets - is what Easter is all about. The Final Enemy has been defeated. Christ is Risen! Alleluia, He is Risen indeed! May I wish you all a joyous Eastertide.

Mark Abrey

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### **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

For Enstone Church will take place on Thursday 26 April at 7.30 pm. This is the meeting open to all parishioners to elect Church Wardens and PCC members. For further information see the notice-board in the Church or contact Mark Abrey on 01608 676572. Copies of the Annual Report will be available from the Benefice Website at [www.thechasebenefice.org.uk](http://www.thechasebenefice.org.uk)

## ST KENELM'S CHURCH UPDATE

We are now almost at the end of this phase of the St Kenlem's re-ordering project. During April the new wooden reredos will be installed behind in the chancel and the final touches will be made to the 'kitchen' and toilet area under the tower. The ongoing issues with Thames Water have been resolved and the water is due to be connected in mid-May. The screen for the lady chapel should also be place in during May. Nick Mynheer's mosaics will be installed in the reredos before our thanksgiving service on 15th July.

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### PARISH COUNCIL NEWS – MARCH 2018

#### Planning Applications:-

- **Stone Farm, Lidstone, 18/00658/FUL** – Change of use to equestrian use, including the conversion of an existing agricultural barn to equestrian use, erection of horse walker and construction of manage. *No objection*
- **Land West of Enstone Manor Farm, Oxford Road, Enstone, 18/00673/S73** – Variation of condition 2 of Planning permission 17/00485/FUL to allow the development to be carried out in accordance with the plan(s) accompanying this application deposited 2.3.2018. *No objection*
- **Abbey Farm, Gagingwell, 18/00851/LBC & 18/00848/FUL** – Conversion of barn to dwelling (to allow changes and incorporation of a further bay of the single storey stable building into a dwelling). Internal and external alterations to convert barn to dwelling (to allow changes and incorporation of a further bay of the single storey stable building into the dwelling). *No objection*
- **Radford Farm, Radford, 18/00436/FUL** – Conversion of former shelter shed and blacksmith shop to holiday let. The proposed development will see alterations to the existing building in terms of a new access point as well as more windows installed. Please refer to the heritage, design and access statement 001. *No objection*

#### Enforcement Notice:-

- **Westbury Farm, Little Tew Road, Church Enstone, 18/00048/PENF** – Alleged unauthorized access onto a classified road

#### Decisions Received:-

- **Old Monts, Church Enstone, 17/03461/LBC** – Alterations and erection of single & two storey rear extensions to dwelling, erection of first floor garage - *Refused*

#### **BIG VILLAGE CLEAN UP**

No residents have volunteered to organise the litter picking weekend so this has now been cancelled. The Parish Council will now consider increasing the Parish Council's part of the council tax to pay for an organisation to clean up litter within the parish. However, should anyone be interested in undertaking this task on a paid basis, please let Beth know. The Parish Council would appreciate if residents could clear up litter from their own gardens. Thank you.

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – THURSDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY 7.15 pm – Parish Hall**

Come and hear how the Parish Council, District Council, County Council, Police and local organisations have worked within the community. This is an annual meeting and lasts approximately one hour.

**To Book the Parish Hall**

To book the Parish Hall please contact Mr. Tom Rosewarne – [admin@enstoneparishhall.org](mailto:admin@enstoneparishhall.org) or tel 01608 678881.

*Dates of next meetings:-*

- **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April 7.15 pm Litchfield Room**
- **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May 7.15 pm – Annual Parish Meeting**
- **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May 7.15 pm – Annual Council Mtg & Parish Council Mtg**

Mrs Beth Sinclair, Enstone Parish Clerk, Briery Cottage, 9 Alexandra Square, Chipping Norton, OX7 5HL.Tel: 01608 641051: Email:- [enstoneparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:enstoneparishclerk@gmail.com)

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**ENSTONE W.I.**

Last month our speaker Lynda Ware spoke about her role within the organisation Cochrane, which is a global independent network of researchers, professionals, patients, carers and people interested in health. They work together to produce credible, accessible health information that is free from commercial sponsorship and other conflicts of interest. She recommended going to their website to find out the truth behind news headlines and sound bites. We followed her talk with our 97th birthday celebrations. Next month will be our Annual Meeting, after which Hugh Warwick, an expert on hedgehogs will tell us 'Why we should be worried and what we should do'. If you would like to join us we will be meeting at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm 12th April.

If you would like to find out more about our WI please contact Cathy Rogers on 678136

## ENSTONE PARISH HALL – WHAT’S ON

For activities calendar go to: [www.enstoneparishhall.org](http://www.enstoneparishhall.org)

### New:

**Film Night:** Victoria & Abul on **Friday 6 April, 7.15 for 8.00pm** show. Our first film night held in the main hall. Refreshments including snacks, tea & coffee, wine & beer, all available. Tickets £5.00.

**Ballet & Tap Dance Lessons:** New to the hall starting **Tuesday 17 April – 3.30 to 5.30pm for 2 – 8 years**. We welcome Deborah Manning School of Dance and her team of professionally trained teachers. First 2 weeks – free trial.

### Regular Activities:

**Mondays:** 09.30 – Yoga, 18.00 – Exercise & Diet Class, 19.45 – Yoga

**Tuesdays:** Toddlers Group – 10.45, Pilates – 18.45, Pole Fitness – 19.00

**Wednesdays:** Tumble Tots –10.00, Adults Badminton – 18.30

**Thursdays:** Seniors Badminton – 17.00

**Fridays:** Low Impact Aerobics – 11.00, Zumba Fitness – 19.00

**Saturdays:** Jado Kuin Do – 10.00

**Litchfield Room:** Hire this room for that important business event, or group meeting. Up to 30 seated people can be accommodated, there is free WiFi, a projector and screen to show off your presentation - just connect your device to the AV suite.

The Hall has also been used very successfully for wedding receptions and private parties so call or email Tom below to book your event:

**Tom: 07391 231 304 / [admin@enstoneparishhall.org](mailto:admin@enstoneparishhall.org)**

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### **ROBERT COURTS MP, ENSTONE ENSIGN, FOR ISSUE APRIL 2018**

I greatly enjoyed my recent visit to the Renault Sport Formula One Team at their Oxfordshire headquarters just outside Enstone. We discussed the ways in which Renault continues to support the local economy, and its work to engage with local communities. For example, I welcome the fact that each year Renault welcomes around 50 students from nearby schools for work experience placements at this state-of-the-art facility. It was great to meet so many employees who are from the local area, and I fully support Renault’s commitment to providing jobs and other opportunities to our communities.

If there is any issue you wish to raise with me, please do email me at [robert@robertcourts.co.uk](mailto:robert@robertcourts.co.uk) – I would greatly appreciate hearing your views.

## ENSTONE HISTORY SOCIETY

There will be no meeting during April, but on Tuesday May 22nd at 7 for 7.30pm there will be a talk with a difference: Kieran Stiles, a noted local artist will be talking about historical influences of various kinds on painters. More details and venue will be announced in the next Ensign.

On March 20th, the speaker was the internationally well-known historian Dr Harry Sidebottom who is an expert on ancient warfare and is lecturer in the subject at Lincoln College, Oxford. He is also author of historical novels using this theme. His latest book *The Last Hour* was chosen as his theme for his talk - the first time he had given this talk - which gave the society a unique and fascinating insight into what the city of Rome under the Caesars was like from the elite in their palaces on Palatine Hill to the poor living in multi-storey tenements always at risk of burning down. He described how this massive city of a million people in the last century BC appeared as the centre of the then world eclipsing the next biggest cities like Carthage, Alexandria and Antioch with their populations of 100,000. It was then, truly a city that never slept since carts were banned in the day but kept people awake at night bringing in goods to restock shops and markets

Carol Geare, Chairman, 01608 677246 / [carolawt@gmail.com](mailto:carolawt@gmail.com)

Anne Francis, Hon.Secretary, 01608 678820 / [annefrancis1@gmail.com](mailto:annefrancis1@gmail.com)

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## ENSTONE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

### **Forthcoming Events – Dates for your diary**

Our competition this year is 'Best Spring Garden' and will run from February to April depending on the season. Please contact Helen Prower on 677419 or Anthea on 678103 when your garden is at its best to arrange a viewing with the judges.

The Spring Show will be held on Saturday 14 April in the Parish hall from 2.00-4.00pm. Teas, coffees and homemade cakes will be available. Entries should be taken to the hall between 10.00am and midday.

The Plant Sale will take place on 19 May at 2.00pm – please note new time. Donations accepted from 1.30pm onwards. Get there early to avoid disappointment!!

The Garden Visit has been arranged for Tuesday 19 June at 2.30pm. We will be visiting Blewbury Manor Garden. The cost will be £7.00 to include a guided tour with the gardener, tea and cakes. If you need a lift or further information please contact Anthea on 01608 678103.

# ENSTONE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

## Spring Flower Show Schedule

April 14<sup>nd</sup>. 2018 2-4 p.m. Enstone Parish Hall. Entry is **free** and is open to all  
*Cut flowers only except where stated.*

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>			
<b><u>Narcissi</u></b>	1.	Trumpet Daffodils	3 blooms	1 variety
	2.	Large cup	3 blooms	1 variety
	3.	Small cup	3 blooms	1 variety
	4.	Double flowered	3 blooms	1 variety
	5.	Multi-headed	3 blooms	1 variety
	6.	Miniature	3 blooms	1 variety
	7.	Different Varieties	5 blooms	
<b><u>Tulips</u></b>	8.	Darwin type	3 blooms	1 variety
	9.	Parrot type	3 blooms	1 variety
	10.	Different varieties	3 blooms	3 varieties
	11.	Other types (e.g. <i>Lily-flowered, Kaufmanniana, miniature, double headed etc</i> )	3 blooms	1 variety
<b><u>Others</u></b>	12.	Muscari		6 stems
	13.	Hyacinth		1 stem
	14.	Fritillaries (1 or more varieties)		4 stems
	15.	Alliums		3 stems
	16.	Any other bulbs		3 stems
	17.	Aquilegia		3 stems
	18.	Clematis	specimen (with stalk,)	1
	19.	Clematis	flower heads, floating	3
	20.	Hellebores	flower heads, floating	3
	21.	Iris		3 stems
	22.	Pansies (one or mixed colours)		6 flowers
	23.	Polyanthus (one or more varieties)		3 stems,
24.	Wallflowers		3 spikes	
25.	Flowering Shrub		1 stem max 18"	
26.	“What is best in my garden today”		3 stems,	
27.	Bowl of flowering bulbs			
28.	Bunch of Spring Flowers (from the garden)			
29.	A potted flowering plant			

Exhibits to be staged between 10:15 and 12:00 on Saturday April 14th. in the Parish Hall  
 Registration of entries will commence at 10.00 a.m. No exhibitor may enter more than one exhibit  
 in any one class. Exhibitors must provide their own vases, dishes etc., at their own risk.  
 Entries must be grown by the exhibitor. Judging will take place from 12:15 p.m. The Judge’s  
 decision is final. Any queries please ring 01608 678991. Entries to be removed by 4:30 p.m.

## ENSTONE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

In March we were pleased to be able to take two groups of pupils on residential trips. The children in Years 3 and 4 went to Hooke Court, near Beaminster in Dorset and the children in Years 5 and 6 went to the Woodlands outdoor education centre in Hereford, just on the Welsh border. Both groups had an amazing time, trying new and adventurous activities. For some pupils it was their first experience of staying away from home – a fantastic opportunity to develop independence and resilience away from mum and dad. Now back in school, we can see the end of term approaching fast with so much still to do before we break for Easter. It's full steam ahead!

**School Governance:** Once again, we are seeking a new member to join our Governing Body. Our governors come from many different backgrounds and professions. It is not necessary to have a professional educational background in order to be a governor; in fact, diversity is good for us, as people from different walks of life bring a range of experiences and skills that can be useful. What you do need, as a governor, is an interest in supporting the aims and future success of the school, a willingness to attend meetings and get involved in school life and a willingness to learn about the work we do. If you think you might be interested in joining the Governing Body of Enstone Primary School, please get in touch with the school office on **01608 677268** and arrange to speak to me to learn more about what the role entails.

Thank you.

Sarah Mann, Headteacher

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## ENSTONE RELIEF IN NEED CHARITY

It has been brought to the attention of Trustees that some dog walkers in the parish are exercising their dogs, both on and off the lead, on the village allotment field, despite part of the land being used for the growing of food crops.

Parishioners are advised that the entire field is in fact private property and that right of entry is restricted to allotment holders and the tenant farmer. It is not open to the casual user, and you are in fact trespassing.

Those wishing to exercise their dogs are legally entitled to use the segment of public footpath number 18 which crosses the field near its top edge and joins footpath number 19. This section of the footpath serves merely as a link and at no time can entry to or exit from it be gained from Charity land.

Your co-operation would be appreciated.



## **OXFORD ARTWEEKS**

Oxford Artweeks, the longest-running, most successful visual arts festival in the country, begins countywide on May 5. Exhibitions in our area run from May 5-13, and free brochures are widely available, including Adams Stores. Locally, Andrea Bates is holding an exhibition of recent work in oils and pastels at Hillside, Oxford Road (with parking in "The Drive" by the Artyard Cafe.) Everyone welcome, bring a friend. There will also be an exhibition of artwork by Barbara Salmon, Pauline Nolan and Wendy Todd at the Artyard (directly opposite Hillside, on the main road). And they do lovely meals there!

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## **CHASTLETON HOUSE AND GARDEN, NATIONAL TRUST**

Do you have lots of enthusiasm, an interest in heritage and enjoy meeting new people? Help bring Chastleton House and Garden to life by joining our volunteer team. Chastleton House is a Jacobean country mansion nestled in an unspoilt Oxfordshire valley, the slow creep of time has given this cherished family home an informal and timeless atmosphere. Amongst the tapestries and topiary you will find peeling paintwork and rambling ivy, as we bring to you a home carefully preserved as it was found, not as it once was.

We have a variety of volunteer roles available such as Room Guides, Flower Arrangers, Garden Guides and Visitor Welcome Host. If you are interested in joining the team come and find out by popping in for a cup of tea and a chat at one of our drop-in days in the Brewhouse at Chastleton on Saturday 14th April, Sunday 29th April, Wednesday 9th May, Thursday 24th May between 1pm-4pm. Alternatively you can send an email to [chastleton@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:chastleton@nationaltrust.org.uk), speak to one of the team on 01608 674981 or head to the National Trust volunteering website [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/volunteer](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/volunteer)

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## **CHIPPING NORTON CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT**

Chipping Norton Choral Society's next concert will be on Saturday 12 May at 7.30pm, St Mary's Church, Witney OX28 4AW. They will be joined by Oxybaroxy, Baroque Youth Strings. The full concert programme includes Vivaldi's Gloria, Handel's Chandos Anthem no. 9 O praise the Lord with one consent, Verdi's Pater Noster, Stanford's Magnificat and Nunc dimittis in C, and Purcell's Trumpet Voluntary. Tickets are £15 for adults, free for under 16's, and can be bought in advance from [tickets@cncs.org.uk](mailto:tickets@cncs.org.uk), or from Jaffe and Neale Bookshop in Chipping Norton. Tickets will also be sold on the door but there may be limited availability.

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## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

- April 12 WI 7.30 pm Parish Hall  
14 EHS Spring Flower Show 2-4 pm Parish Hall  
26 Parish Council 7.15 pm Parish Hall  
26 Annual PCC meeting 7.30 pm St. Kenelm's  
28 FINAL DATE FOR COPY
- May 2 Golden stones monthly meeting 2 pm Parish Hall  
17 Annual Parish meeting 7.15 pm Parish Hall  
19 EHS Plant sale 2 pm Parish Hall

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### **Enstone Sports & Social Club**

#### **FACILITIES FOR HIRE GROUND AND CLUB**



#### **ENSTONE SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB**

**New members welcome**

**Barclays Premier League Live on Sky, plus other sports too.**

**TELEPHONE NUMBER: 01608 677823**

**April – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> – Live Music! Apollo Syndrome (Charley Eaglestone) – Pop/Punk music – Free entry 8pm, all welcome.**

**April – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Bingo – Eyes down 7pm, all welcome.**

**Looking Forward –**

**May 5<sup>th</sup> 80's/90's Disco – All welcome!**

**May 19<sup>th</sup> Live Music with The 2Tone all ska's (Top band!) Free entry, but be aware once we reach capacity the doors will close! So get there early!**

**June 16<sup>th</sup> Enstone sports club Six-a-side Cricket, our 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! This year proceeds go to Enstone Brownies and Guides, team forms out end of April from the club or from Richard Allen who you can contact via the club's facebook page. As always it will be a 12 noon start.**

**June 30<sup>th</sup> Aunt Sally Competition – 8pm start, all welcome!**

**Please come and support the club at all our social events, everybody is welcome!!**

**Plus more to come in 2018, events will be posted on Facebook, put up at the club, in the Ensign and posters up in the local shop. Whist Drive every Tuesday night.**

**MEMBERSHPS ARE NOW DUE FOR THE YEAR 2017/18 - Adults £10, O.A.P's £5, Young Person (14 – 17) £5, Under 14 no fee.**