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and her charity  
walk to school**

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**ALL SERVICES ARE AT 3PM**

**Sunday 2nd Palm Sunday Service led by Janet Donnelly**

**Sunday 9th Easter Sunday Service led by Steve Britton**

**Sunday 16th Service led by Michelle Bates**

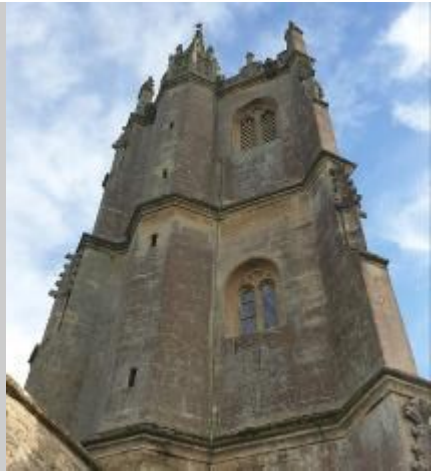
**Sunday 23rd Service led by Norman Parfrey**

**Sunday 30th To be arranged**



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# **Services for April 2023**

## **Services at St Mary's**

<b>Sunday, 2 April</b>		<b>Palm Sunday</b>
	10.15am	Palm Sunday Procession meet at the Church Hall
<b>Thursday, 6 April</b>		<b>Maundy Thursday</b>
	7.30pm	<i>Communion of the last Supper</i>
<b>Friday, 7 April</b>		<b>Good Friday</b>
	10.30	A family friendly interactive Easter Experience with activities at stations around the Church followed by seasonal refreshments
	2.00pm	Service of Meditation remembering the last hour before Jesus died
<b>Sunday, 9 April</b>		<b>Easter Sunday</b>
	8.00am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	10.30am	Easter Celebration Communion <i>followed by Easter Egg Hunt</i>
<b>Sunday, 16 April</b>		<b>Second Sunday of Easter</b>
	10.30am	Morning Worship
<b>Sunday, 23 April</b>		<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>
	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Family Café Church
<b>Thursday, 27 April</b>		<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>
	9.30am	Celtic Communion <i>followed by coffee and cake</i>
<b>Sunday, 30 April</b>		<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>
		Benefice Communion Service at Bitton <i>followed by a Bring and Share lunch</i>

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# St Mary's Matters

I am sad to say the, due to significant pressures in other area of life, I have decided to stand down as church warden. Although the role is only undertaken for a year at a time, it is usual to take it on for a number of years. Six is the maximum number that can be served consecutively before taking a break. I have served for four.



**Pete Midgley**

The role of churchwarden originates from the 14th century, although the nature of their responsibility has changed significantly since then. Many of the original responsibilities are now taken on by the PCC (Parochial Church Council). Wardens are responsible to the Bishop and are required to keep order in the church and churchyard, support the vicar and congregation, and take responsibility for the church building and its contents. Normally there are two churchwardens in place at any one time.

Last year Simon Harris took on the role alongside me, taking over from Jacqui Harris. He definitely hit the ground running and has been very energetic in the role, which I have greatly appreciated.

The two most significant periods during my tenure were the pandemic, and the death of the monarch. Neither of these would be events a warden might anticipate when taking on the role. The former was particularly challenging with rules changing weekly if not daily and continuous decision making having to be carried out. I think Jeremy, Jacqui and myself came together well as a team and steered the church through it. The latter came early in Simon's period of office but again we worked well together with Jeremy as a team.

As I write the search is on for my replacement. Simon has agreed to continue for another year. So I'm not sure who will be filling this slot in May. For now I'm signing off.

## News from Upton Cheyney

Due to declining numbers the Upton Cheyney chapel will have to close. A date has been set for closure for 10 September this year, although services will continue until that date.

The chapel, which, in its present budling has served Upton Chey for the best part of two centuries will then close its doors for the last time. Discussions are underway within the remaining congregation and the United Reform Church, which owns the building.

The chapel was scheduled for closure over a decade ago, but was reprieved due to the sterling efforts of locals, especially Stuart Turner and Muriel Williams. Now with only one elder remaining the position does not look viable. More news in our next edition.

## Church & Church Hall Bookings

The Church Hall is available for hire and is a popular location for children's parties as well as regular events.

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Some cold and early starts

## *Cover story*

# Charity walk to School

**How did you get to school? For many children these days the answer is by car or bus, but for one week at the end of March, Freya Hyslop, aged 11, walked every day from home to her school in Bath, two hours each way and raised money for the charity *African Promise*.**

The idea came after she made the same trip last December when she thought of the many children in the world, particularly in parts of Africa who have to do this. She compared the 10km hike that some African children have to walk every day to the warm, safe and comfortable school and that she has transport to get there. She chose the charity ***African Promise***, an educational charity that aims to improve the quality and delivery of primary education in rural Kenya, ensuring that the schools are properly equipped and that the education is worth having.

It meant quite an ordeal. Freya had to wake up at 5am in order to eat, pack up and leave the house on time to arrive at school by 8am, and leaving school to get home in time for dinner. Freya's mum Sarah has been with her all the way, through some sun, but mostly wet March days. Well done Freya.

By the time Focal Point went to press, Freya had raised over £4,500 for the charity. Her ***Just Giving*** page is [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sarah-hyslop](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sarah-hyslop)

*Rev Rosemary Radcliffe*

# Reflection for April



**It feels like March has flown by, with Lent Groups, reflection time, and snow days and now we have come to April, the month of spring, the renewal creation and of course Easter. This will be my first Easter within the Benefice, and I'm sure there will be much to learn about how each church responds to Christ's gift on the Cross at this time.**

The story of Christ, revealed in depth through Holy Week encompasses a range of services illuminating different aspects of Christ's life, death and resurrection. As we travel with Jesus to the cross and wait, we experience a breadth of emotions.

Palm Sunday starts us off, with parades, excitement and shouts of joy and acclamation, we celebrate Jesus riding on a donkey, into Jerusalem. Anticipation and celebration are the emotions of the day. But then the mood changes, we are transported ahead to the Passion of Christ. We can choose to follow the Stations of the Cross, where we are invited to walk with Jesus, moving around the church to emulate Jesus' journey to the cross, pausing at various images which represent specific moments on the path from Pilate's house to Calvary.

Finally, we time-travel again, returning to Maundy Thursday, where Jesus washes the feet of his disciples, humbling himself before them, showing his love and longing to be intimate and open. It feels uncomfortable, the thought of someone washing my feet, and yet Jesus offers this service to his disciples, naming them his friends, just as he offers that same gift of love to you and me.

From the Last Supper to the Garden of Gethsemane and the betrayal of



Judas, we barely pause for breath before Jesus is taken into captivity, placed before Pilate and condemned. In a twisted echo of Palm Sunday's "Hosannas" we hear the terrible cry "Crucify him" as we form the crowd that sends Jesus to the cross on Good Friday. There is a deep sadness about the day, marked by silence at the end of the service, rather than the traditional words of dismissal "Go in Peace, to love and serve the Lord ... in the name of Christ, Amen". We leave solemnly and in silence to mourn and to wait. For we know there is more to this story, we know that as Friday turns into Saturday there is a stillness, a sadness, despair where normally there is hope. Saturday is often a day of limbo, a time where we aren't quite sure how to behave or what to do. All too often it becomes a day of busy preparation, getting ready for an Easter Day Feast, rushing to buy last minute Easter Eggs for children or loved ones. Perhaps this year it could be something more, take a few minutes to sit, in a quiet place, perhaps light a candle and just pray for God to be with you, invite him in and see what happens. That is what takes place at some Saturday evening services, or perhaps you will wake at dawn to welcome a new day, for the day that Christ rises from the tomb, that he has conquered death and gives us hope. "He is Risen indeed Alleluia".

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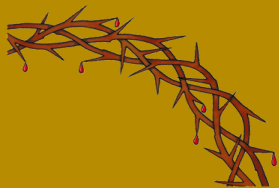


The journey of Holy Week is important, it helps us recognise that Jesus was fully human, he was loved, he was betrayed, he grieved and he rejoiced with others. He suffered unbearable pain before and on the cross, and yet he still forgave those who perpetrated the harm. He listened to the people around him, he was invested in people from all walks of life and backgrounds. He was obedient to God, and knew himself to be loved by him. He was human and so much more, God's word made flesh, to die and rise again, to become more than we can imagine, to reconcile us with God, to join us in unity with one another. We can never repay what Jesus did for us, but we aren't asked to; we are just asked to love, to love God and to love one another, with all our hearts, strength and minds, and if we can try to do that perhaps this Easter will be the start of a new creation.

*With love,*

*Revd Rosemary Radcliffe*





# Services for Holy Week

**Easter and Holy Week services at St Mary's are shown on page 9.**

**There are also the following services at St Barnabas, Warmley**

**Monday 3rd April**

Stations of the Cross: 18:00 St Barnabas Warmley,

**Tuesday 4th April**

Stations of the Cross: 18:00 St Barnabas Warmley,

**Wednesday 5th April**

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The Joseph Story 19:30 St Barnabas Warmley

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# Dick Honeywell

## *Church Organist*



Dick at the organ in 2013

St Mary's organ is now 140 years old, but for more than a hundred of those years two men held the position of organist between them. The first was Len Gallop who held the post for over 60 years until shortly before his death in 1966. The second was Dick Honeywell who died on 26<sup>th</sup> February at the age of 97. Dick took over just a few years after Len died and continued as organist for nearly 50 years.

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Born in Cornwall in 1923, Dick spent his first five years on his grandfather's farm. There was no gas or electricity and water had to be fetched in buckets from the village pump. There was a privy out in the barn. School was a two-mile walk there and two miles back again each day.

Cajoled into practicing by his father who refused pocket money until music practice had been completed, Dick learned to play the piano and before he was ten he was playing hymns on the harmonium in chapel which proved the apprenticeship for the organ, an instrument he largely taught himself to play.

His father was in the Royal Navy, but when he obtained a shore job the family moved to Saltash. Dick attended the local grammar school and his academic results would have been good enough for him to go on to university but that cost money and so was out of the question. Instead he got a job at the naval dockyard.

At 17, with Britain at war, Dick applied to join the RAF. After basic training, he was posted to Canada where he learnt to fly on bi-planes, graduating so well that he was selected to train as a navigator. His war service continued on sea planes and patrols over the Atlantic as well as escorting the Crown Prince of Norway on his return to his country after liberation.

After the war Dick went to college and got an engineering degree. He played rugby and passed an initial trial for the England squad but soon after he injured his shoulder which brought his playing at that level to an end. Dick then went to work for Esso and remained with the company until he retired. Dick continued flying with the RAF volunteer reserve, until he was 65.

Dick's work as organist and one time choirmaster at St Mary's began in the late 1960s and continued until 2016.

Dick met Toni at a youth club when they were teenagers. They were married in 1943 and had 58 happy years together. She was a wonderful wife and an ideal mother.

Dick was immensely proud of his family. Toni and he had six children, Jane, Chris, Jo, Martin, Sue and Tom together with a growing number of grandchildren and great grandchildren. In 2001, Dick also found happiness with his new partner, Mary.

# Final Modifications to make the pews mobile

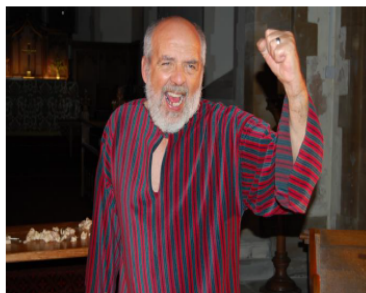
If you have visited St Mary’s recently you may have noticed an ever modifying pew at the rear of the church. It is shorter than the installed pews, has two carved ends, a wider and thus more comfortable seat and now has wheels. However this prototype with lockable castors proved not to make the grade, leaving the pew a little wobbly and bouncy.

Further modifications are therefore being made to install retractable wheels so that when it is not in motion the pew will sit firmly on the ground.

Once the Futures Committee is satisfied that it meets the requirements there will be an open invitation to try the pew out and for the whole community to give its views. Plans are also developing to install cushioning so that the pews are more comfortable for use over longer periods.



The prototype pew—work in progress



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**Reflections**

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# ECO Church News: Fairtrade

The focus on this month is on Fairtrade. The following is taken from the Fairtrade area of the Eco church website:

“Whenever we buy goods, the money we spend is split across the supplier chain - from the producer to the point of sale. We would like that money to be shared fairly across the chain and result in a fair price to us too. We also want to know that workers have safe working conditions and are being treated well. In order to receive some assurance that everyone is being treated fairly, we need to rely on the assessment and standards set by other organisations. As early as the 1950’s Oxfam UK used the concept of ‘fair trade’ when selling products made by Chinese refugees in its shops. In 1964 Oxfam created the Fair Trade Organisation, a forerunner to The Fairtrade Foundation which was established in 1992 in response to persistent appeals for fairness in trade from Mexican small-scale coffee farmers. Since then, thousands of other products have received the Fairtrade certification mark. Churches have been at the forefront of promoting fair trade products for decades, making the connection between trade and poverty and committing to using fairly traded goods such as tea, coffee and sugar. Making a public statement to become a ‘Fairtrade Church’ adds weight to those involved in the conversation about justice for the farmers and workers we rely on.”

Fairtrade works with farmers and workers so they can improve their living standards, invest in their communities and businesses, and protect our shared environment. It achieves this by rallying a global community of millions – farmers and workers, supply chain partners, brands, retailers, shoppers, schools, government – to pay fair prices and uphold fair production standards and practices. Fair prices provide an immediate lifeline for farmers and workers struggling with low incomes and disadvantaged by global trade.

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Whilst we may not be ready to commit entirely to becoming a registered Fairtrade church, we can all support this initiative by buying Fairtrade products as much as possible. These products are increasing easily available; the Co-op in particular stocks a good range. The variety of Fairtrade goods is expanding too, from flowers to wine. We are going to make a start at St Mary's by trying Fairtrade tea and coffee; do let me know what you think of them!

I recently discovered that the Eco church website includes an easy eco tip for each month, so here is the tip for April:

**Fit more active travel into your day and daily routine. As the weather warms up, its worth considering what journeys can be made by walking or cycling. Could you get off a stop early to walk the rest of your journey, take a relaxing stroll home, or hop on a bike and enjoy a cycle friendly route? If you prefer exploring outdoors on foot, find out if there's a local Ramblers group.**

Anne Carrington



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# 90 Years Young



**Celebrating her 90th birthday in March was Janet Ivens. A weekend of celebrations included a family get together on 11 March and the presentation of a birthday cake at the church service the next day—she blew all the candles out in one go!**

# Hot Cross Buns—How do you like yours?

How do you like to eat a cross bun? Plain and toasted (surely otherwise they would not be hot) and with butter—or do you add jam or peanut butter? Most of all I enjoy them in season and what could be more seasonal than the Hot Cross Bun? While they may be available in the shops all year round, they are an item that are traditionally eaten at Easter.

Like many food items prepared especially for a particular religious festival, its ingredients include some that are more exotic than those grown in this country and were thus more expensive, for consumption only on special occasions. The Hot Cross Bun is spiced and contains currents and sometimes other fruits and is traditionally eaten between Good Friday and Easter Sunday, marking the end of the Lenten fast.

Yet the origin of this tradition is not wholly clear, It may date back to the sixth century eastern church when Greeks marked cakes with a cross.

The English story, however, seems to begin in Hertfordshire in the fourteenth century. One of the monks of St Albans Abbey created an Alban Bun which he distributed to the local poor on Good Friday. The cross on the top of this bun was not created using a light coloured paste after the bun had been cooked, but by making a cross incision in the raw dough so that the resulting cake when removed from the oven bore an imprint of the cross.



The first official reference to Hot Cross Buns was in 1592 when the London Clerk of Markets issued a decree that forbade the sale of “hot crossed buns” and other spiced breads other than at burials, on Good Friday or at Christmas. So it seem that the buns were well established long before the rhyme of “One a penny, two a penny, hot cross buns!” was first recorded in 1767.

Whatever their origin, the buns also hold a special place in English folk tradition and are delicious. Enjoy yours this Easter—however you eat them.

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St Mary's Church Bitton  
Parochial Church Council

# PCC Report

The last full PCC meeting of the year was held on 6 February. Members were updated on progress to employ a benefice administrator and it was hoped to have an appointment in place by Easter. The old muniment room is to be converted to an office, although the person would also be working from home.

Maintenance of the church and church hall continues. The most recent work was to insulate outside pipes which had frozen during the cold weather. An ongoing plan of maintenance would be required for the church hall for the next 5 years. We have been fortunate to receive a contribution towards energy costs from the diocese which is to be divided between the church and the church hall.

The PCC also agreed to the purchase of a digital counter to be installed on the church door to record an accurate count of visitors to the church.

Much of the meeting was given over to a discussion on the diocesan strategy document Transforming Church and there was some examination of what the church in Bitton is doing and can do to support the bishop's ambitions. Members of the PCC were asked to give more thought to this. It was also noted that Family Café Church had been a great success and some discussion took place about having a service at another time on a Sunday for young people as the children grow out of family café church.

The PCC is also looking for a new Electoral Roll Officer. There will be safeguarding training for those who need to update or complete their training, dates to be announced, most likely to be on a Saturday morning.

The PCC also approved the planting of replacement trees in the churchyard as part of the late Queen's Jubilee Canopy and supported the History Group in permitting new walking leaflets to be displayed in the church. New baptism books are to be purchased, which are given as gifts to newly baptised infants.

The Annual Parish Meeting was due to be held on 27<sup>th</sup> March.

# New trees in the Churchyard



Flowering Plum



Oak

Two new trees have been planted in the churchyard in March and just in time to be counted as part of the Queen's Jubilee Canopy, in celebration of the late Queen Elizabeth II's 70 years on the throne. The trees, one an oak and the other a flowering plum, replace others lost in recent years. The planting was ably undertaken by the Vicar and Tim Harris.

The oak tree was donated by Ann Willis in memory of her husband Bob, a well known and loved figure at St Mary's who died in December.

# News from Bitton WI

This month we were due to have a quiz afternoon, but fortunately, a long awaited speaker had got in touch to say they were available, so the quiz is on hold for another day!

Jean our President welcomed us as usual and after agreeing the minutes, she told us of the many events and outings taking place for WI members in the area. Added to very long list of outings, from Poole RNLI to Great Malvern Show, we were also tempted by a closed visit to Hinkley Point C and a Cotswold Cream Tea Steam Train ride. For those who don't want to venture far afield, there was also an invitation to a Crochet workshop in Saltford, a Hoedown in Longwell Green and a visit to Fonthill Garden Centre. Lots to look forward to throughout the summer. Our own summer outing this year will be to the SS Great Britain which we are looking forward to.

Our very best wishes are sent to our member, Janet Ballinger, who has been in hospital recently. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Our speaker this month was Geoff, a volunteer from a charitable organisation called Freewheelers. These are known as the Blood Bikes, though Geoff talked to us about the many other things they carry up and down the country on motorbikes to aid the NHS. They have been going for over 30 years transporting and moving blood and plasma, equipment, samples, medication and notes between hospitals and other health care establishments. They also take medication and equipment to patients at home when necessary. They also work closely with the Air ambulances in the area, making sure the blood and plasma is available daily so that the Air Ambulance is ready to set up a transfusion for a patient when they attend serious incidents. This has already saved numerous lives over the years since it started.



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All of this work is carried out 365 days a year solely by volunteers, who coordinate the calls, do the necessary admin and those who ride the motorbikes. Geoff said that there are teams across the Country and when there are calls for something to be couriered from one end of the country to the other, then the coordinators will set up a relay across Country passing from one team to another. Whether it is urgent or not, the bikers must still obey the laws of the road and are not permitted to use a blue light or siren like other emergency services. Luckily for us, this does not stop them getting the job done in good time. They have 6 bikes that are on the road covering some 700 jobs per month for the NHS and has saved our Health Service quite a sum of money by doing what they do. They rely solely on charitable donations and the volunteers who give their time freely which is becoming more and more difficult given the current climate of rising prices. You may see the team out with their motorbikes from time to time doing some fundraising too. After hearing the excellent work they do, we would encourage anyone who sees them to donate to this essential work.

Now some date changes to note in your WI calendar due to Bank Holidays and a very important Coronation! Our next two meetings will now be Monday April 17th and May 15th - 2 pm in the Church Hall, Bitton.

A reminder that membership subscriptions for the next year are due in April please.

My recipe this week is one I remember making many years ago with my best friend at school. It was passed to her by her grandmother, and we had so much fun making it. I baked it again for the meeting this month and it brought back fond memories for me and quite a few members. It's a really simple Tea Loaf, but warm from the oven spread with lashings of butter (forget the diet!), it's delicious. It's ideal if you are looking to reduce your fat intake too (without the butter of course!).

Enjoy – hope it brings back happy memories for you too!

**Karen Davidson**



# Tea Loaf



## Ingredients

- 1 cup of strong black tea (use your favourite or try Earl Grey for a change up)
- 1 cup of self raising flour
- 1 cup of mixed fruit (I just stick with sultanas as I love them)
- 1 cup of soft brown sugar (though we only used white all those years ago!)
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp of mixed spice

## Method

1. Pre heat the oven to 180oC
2. Line a 2lb loaf tin or grease
3. Make your tea (no milk or sugar) and whilst hot add in the cup of sugar and allow to dissolve.
4. In a large bowl add the fruit and pour the tea mix over. Set aside to cool. (For plump fruit, leave for a few hours or overnight in the fridge).
5. Whisk your egg and add to the fruit mixture.
6. Fold in the flour and mixed spice until thoroughly mixed.
7. Transfer into your loaf tin and bake in the oven for about an hour. (test with a knife or skewer – should come out clean).
8. Turn out and serve warm with butter.

Keeps well in a tin for several days and can be frozen.

# Puzzle Pages

Our monthly prize quiz has proved to be particularly popular so we thought that we would try some additional puzzles. No prizes but strictly for entertainment.

## SUDUKO CHALLENGE

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Answers to both puzzles are available on the church website  
[www.stmarysbitton.org.uk](http://www.stmarysbitton.org.uk) - click on News & Focal Point

# WORD SEARCH

The word search is seasonal and the words are taken from the story of Christ's passage into Jerusalem before the Passover. There are 25 words hidden here, how many can you find?

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# The April Prize Quiz

*By Carolyn Russell*

**This month's quiz is called *Beetles*,  
but is quite eclectic**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Clue</b>	
1.	Stinging insect with yellow & black stripes	W 4
2.	Slang term for an old 6 pence	T 6
3.	A person creating fabrics by interlacing threads	W 6
4.	Rank of non-commissioned officer in the Royal artillery	B 10
5.	North American name for a pharmacy	D 10
6.	Small insect that lives in large groups	A 3
7.	Small plant with sharp tasting leaves used in salad	W 10
8.	Loud, harsh, squealing noise like me by speeding car	S 7
9.	Strong - smelling substance security by male deer and used in perfume	M 4
10.	Flower that features in 'Fleur-de-Lis' symbol	L 4
11.	Large African mammal known for it's single horn	R 10
12.	Son of Zeus and Hera, Disney 1997 film	H 8
13.	Male deer	S 4
14.	Perennial plants with colourful and fragrant blooms	O 6
15.	Name of a breed of cattle, or a chain of steakhouses	L 8
16.	Red spotted beetle	L 8
17.	Half-man, half-bull from Greek mythology	M 8
18.	Green, stem like vegetable with feathery foliage	A 9
19.	All plants have these growing from the stem	L 4
20.	Largest living cat species, has stripes	T 5

**See next page about how to submit your entry  
CLOSING DATE IS MONDAY 17TH APRIL**

### **This month we have three options for you to submit your answers:**

1. Visit the church website and go to the Focal Point section where you will find a RED button to submit your answers online [www.stmarysbitton.org.uk](http://www.stmarysbitton.org.uk).
2. By email to [bittoncm@outlook.com](mailto:bittoncm@outlook.com)
3. By sending your answers to Eastover, High Street (corner of Golden Valley Lane).

## **March Quiz Answers**

Last month's quiz was about stations on the London underground

### **Answers:**

(1) Southgate; (2) Vauxhall; (3) Swiss Cottage; (4) Shepherd's Bush; (5) Waterloo; (6) Victoria; (7) Oval; (8) Elephant and Castle; (9) Angel; (10) Baker Street; (11) Paddington; (12) Seven Sisters; (13) Marble Arch; (14) Kew Gardens; (15) Bank; (16) Warwick Avenue; (17) Wimbledon; (18) Mornington Crescent; (19) Leyton; (20) Grange Hill.

### **Correct answers :**

Last month's prize quiz proved particularly popular but a bit of a conundrum for the adjudicators. There were some close but not quite correct answers to question 14 about the home to one of the world's greatest plant collections. Many answered "Kew", but the station name is "Kew Gardens". It was also decided to eliminate entry to the prize draw those who had spelled stations wrongly, although as both Transport for London and computer systems had trouble with apostrophes, we decided to allow Shepherd's (which is correct) , Shepherds' and Shepherds Bush. But we did have to rule out Angel Islington, Bakers Street and Warrick Avenue.

The correct answers were therefore received from:

**Team Frank, Alan Murtagh, Sarah Craddock and Celia Mosley.**

Close to the line were: Eileen Tilley, Terry Matthews, Julia Butler, Carol Sheedy, Linda Crossling, and Kathryn & Jan Wookey .

**The draw of the correct entries mean that this month's prize goes to Sarah Craddock**

# The last word



I am sure you had some difficulty in heating your oven to 2000° to make the Apple Scones in last month's recipe. My apologies for the additional zero and I hope your scones survived the ordeal.

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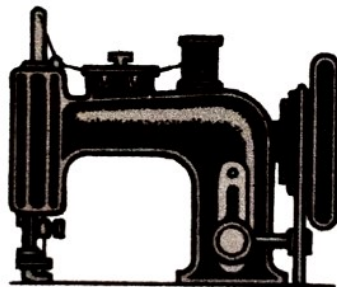
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