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The Vicar's Letter

Dear Friends,

Do you believe in fairies?

I would guess not — and neither do I.

Do you believe in God?

That's a very different question — although you wouldn't think so from the way in which some people talk. In recent years, at least since the publication of Richard Dawkins' book *The God Delusion*, those who follow him in thinking that science has disproved God have shown an increasing tendency to try to ridicule those who do believe in God.

One of the most popular tactics (which I have come across several times in recent months) is to equate belief in God with belief in fairies. Indeed, God himself is sometimes referred to by such people as 'the sky fairy'.

It's a fairly cheap trick. Name calling has often been used by those without a coherent argument. But it may lead some to wonder whether there really is any more evidence for God than for fairies.

The answer, however, is a resounding 'yes'. The events we remember over Easter show none of the characteristics of a fairy story, and all the characteristics of real history. They refer to real historical people, known to us from sources outside the Bible itself. They are dateable with a precision far greater than for many unquestioned historical events. They were very widely reported within an astonishingly short period. Many people, both

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then and since, have tried hard to refute them, but without success. And they have left an indelible mark on world history.

Nobody in the ancient world believed that corpses could come back to life. Everybody thought that the very idea was preposterous - just as they do now. And yet there is overwhelming evidence that all the early Christians believed that that was exactly what had happened to Jesus. It wasn't wishful thinking: it was a completely new and startling belief. And it made a real and positive impact on their lives.

Of course that doesn't prove that God exists, but it is a very strong pointer in that direction. And the evidence has to be explained somehow. Many of those who oppose belief in God simply ignore this evidence, and don't even try to explain it. And the alternative explanations suggested by others turn out to be far more like fairy stories than are the beliefs they are trying to discredit.

The most believable explanation by far is that God raised Jesus from the dead. And if that's true, then it changes everything. Why not come and join us as we celebrate it and try to work out the implications this Easter season?

David Andrew

Date for your diaries

The Church fete will be on Saturday 17th July from 12 noon to 4pm. This year the fete has a new venue – it will be on the White Waltham Cricket field opposite The Beehive Pub.

If you would like to get involved in the fete please contact:

Andrea Greenwood on 01628 822532

Andrea is Chairman of The Events Committee that organises and runs church social events for all ages. These include the Summer Fete, the Harvest supper, the Christmas concert and various games evenings.

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The new year for the club started on 3rd February. Regardless of the poor weather 39 members put in an appearance. Audrie and Phyllis did 9 flower arrangements for all the birthdays during the month of January – the table looked like a Florist's Shop!

Very delighted to welcome back Audrey Collins after an absence of 18 months. Members were given a lovely surprise – Peggy Brookes was 90 years of age in January so brought a birthday cake which was served with our tea. So a very happy start to our new year.

Feb 17th – Mrs Ann Denton, speaker, informed us about the work of the Red Cross and their aims. Also her personal experiences during the 30 years of her membership to that organisation.

Mar 3^{rd} – Bingo. Gordon in the hot seat, again. Two absentees: Dorrie - hip operation - and Joan who has not been her normal bouncy person. I hope I will see them soon.

Future Activities

- March 31st Mr Copeland Big Picture Show
- April 14th Mr Dixon Wartime Postcards, B/B
- April 28th Mrs Brewster Textiles, raffle
- May 12th RNLI
- May 28th Bingo, Raffle

Ursula McAndrew



Kindness is the true revealer of a person's greatness. - Anon

They're not in the Bible

Some time ago, I don't recall how long, I wondered what the Bible had to say about dogs. The answer is "Not much" and what there is doesn't have dogs in a good light.

As you are probably aware, we have quite a menagerie with our Springer Spaniel, canaries, budgies and finches, fish, our five chickens who give us enough eggs to give away and, of course, our cats. As far as I can tell, the Bible doesn't mention cats even once.

Let me introduce them to you. When we lived in Woodlands Park, we had three and these accompanied us on our journey to New Zealand. Two have died but one, Kauri, is still very much with us. He's a big black and white short hair, 18 years old. He loves to stand guard at the top of our drive and almost always when we've been away from home, he's there waiting for our return. He takes a couple of



pills each day as he has a thyroid problem but aside from that, he is pretty fit and well. He tolerates the rest of the feline tribe but is mostly past playing with them

When one of our "English" cats, Esther, died, we went to the RNZSPCA to see if they had a kitten we could adopt. One in particular seemed to be just right. She



was a beautiful tabby with tufted ears. We brought her home and renamed her Matai. I should explain that all of our cats are named after trees or shrubs. Kauri and Matai are New Zealand native trees. Matai was a bit shy but she soon became a full member of the family. A few years ago, she started to develop a very strange problem. She seemed to find walking on her forelegs difficult and although she could sit in a normal cat

position, she often sat on her haunches like a meerkat, with her front paws held in front. The vet eventually discovered that she has an as yet unnamed disease where the muscle in her forelegs is converted to collagen. She has not got any worse and remains a favourite and very affectionate cat, but when she walks or runs, she does look unlike any other cat.

Cherrie is a long haired female tortoiseshell and white. Perhaps you've

heard the saying "Naughty torty". She certainly was, always into mischief, very playful. But she keeps that long fur in very good condition and she has some of the longest whiskers I have ever seen on a cat. When Kauri's sister, Willow, died just over two years ago, Cherrie thought that at long last she would achieve her ambition of being "top cat". She tried for a while but most of the other



cats just ignored her efforts. We have a very small cat and sometimes Cherrie bullies her but even this has almost stopped.



We have another long haired puss. He's called Teak and is black and white. He is a real wimp and often appears frightened of his own shadow. His fur quite often gets quite knotty and we sometimes have to clip off lumps with scissors but he is a lovely boy, very loving and loyal. He can be quite playful.

Now to that little cat I mentioned above. She is quite tiny,

pure grey (our silver Fern), short haired and has something oriental, probably Siamese, about her. She is quite different from each of the others; she has her own way in and out of the house but spends more time indoors than the others. She has another endearing habit which is to rub her nose against mine in bed. She hates me trying to read and simply gets between me and the book. She demonstrated another wonderful attribute. When we acquired a new kitten, Willow



took on the job of mothering him, and when Willow died, it was $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Fern}}$ who took over and made an excellent job of it.

The new kitten? That was more than two years ago of course and Nikau, a



gorgeous ginger boy, has long out grown those who looked after him. He is very active and for a while thought that the chickens were just for him to play with - they ran for cover as soon as he appeared. But he has grown out of this behaviour and now all of our six cats happily coexist with the chickens, as they do with the dog.

But, no cats in the Bible and this leads me to

wonder whether YOU are in the Bible. It's Easter time soon, a time when lots of folk who don't go often to church, do make Easter a special time and do put in an appearance. I hope you do this year! But how do you get into the Bible?

Well on one hand it is very easy on the other, incredibly difficult. For you, it is easy as Jesus said: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16) But God had the very hard part, He had to give up His own Son to become a man and die on a Roman cross for you and me. The question is: are you one of the "whoever"? If the answer is "Yes" then you're in the Bible. If it's "No" please explain what you are waiting for?

Eric Green

True story: a Sunday School teacher recently asked her pupils 'Does anyone know any of the miracles that Jesus performed?' One youngster put his hand up and said 'Yes, he cured people who had leopards.'

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Floral Art demonstration In aid of St Mary's Flower Guild, White Waltham

> White Waltham school hall Wednesday 26 May at 7.30pm.

The guest demonstrator will be Rosemary Gallon who helped with the Flower Festival last year and also came to demonstrate the art of the contemporary floral arrangement to the Guild last September. She has had many years experience and is a very gifted speaker.

Tickets on sale before the event will cost £5 (£3 for under 16s) to include a glass of wine and cheese and biscuits. There will be a raffle of all the floral arrangements.

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Our programme is as follows:-

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White Waltham C E Primary School

This year is rushing by and I cannot believe that Easter is upon us. Our first building project, the conversion of the old Year 6 classroom, is nearing completion. The new learning spaces created for Year 3 & 4 children will make a marked improvement to our classroom provision with all year groups having their own classroom. We are also very excited that our planning permission for our Foundation classroom has been approved. RBWM, as a result of their rising 5's provision, will be funding the building of this new classroom. This exciting development will provide a purpose built room for our 5 year olds in keeping with the Victorian design. We are also fund raising to provide additional building works consisting of a new boy's toilet block, Home Economics room and a storage area, the staff and pupils feel that these will all enhance our learning environment.

On the sporting front, children continue their participation in a large variety of sports e.g. netball, football, rugby, multi-skills, basketball and we have just introduced a new borough initiative of cheer leading. The children have also competed against other local school teams in a number of sports.

The art work as a result of our Monet days has been inspirational, the children have had an opportunity to look at how artwork influences one's feelings as well as the many different types of art techniques and their influences. The children have also worked with two visiting artists who helped them create a collage work of art and a clay water-lily tile. The tiles from Foundation to year 3 have been used in our new classrooms and the year 4 - 6tiles have been used to create an outdoor mural of 'Monet's water lilies'. We are looking forward to our work during term 5 & 6 which will focus closely on the local community and we would love to hear from any residents who would be able to share any local history, accounts of living/working in the local area. Any ideas for visits that would promote learning would be greatly appreciated. Any information about talented locals, present and past that could come into the school and share their life experiences or work with the children would be greatly appreciated. If you could help in any way please contact the school office on 01628 822533.

May I take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to any visitors to school. If you would like any further information on our events in school, please telephone the school office on 01628 822533, or have a look at our website at:

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We also now have our wonderful new Community notice board just inside the school grounds on the right hand fence. Please feel free to look at it any time within the school day, or indeed if you would like to place an item inside it visit the school office and they will organise for you.

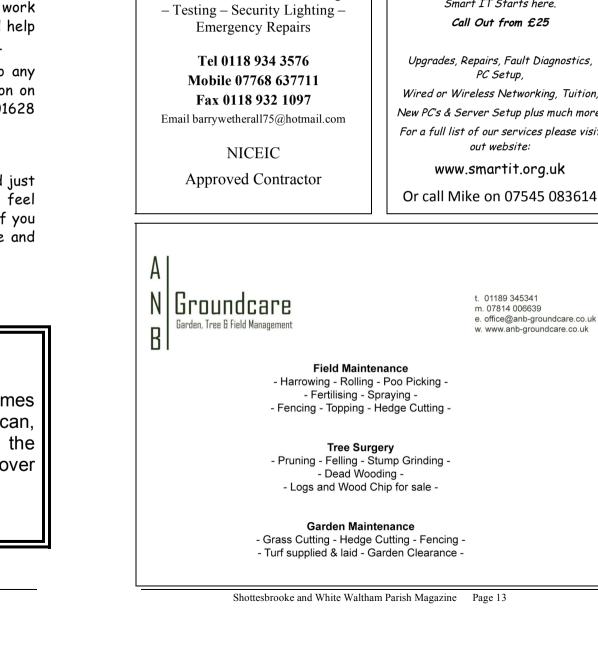
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Royal British Legion



Woodlands Park Branch

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There were 7 teams that took part and the winning team won chocolates. Everyone who attended said that it was a lovely and enjoyable evening. The amount we raised was ± 110.26 .

Many thanks to all those who helped and supported this event.

Simon Graves



Remember Ted? Part 18

Dear Bob,

See how these Christians love one another! Very disturbing, but I'm sure you wouldn't have mentioned all this if it could have been avoided. So let's have the good news.

It's a very long journey, isn't it, and now you've told me of a most gruelling part of it.

Yours,

Phil

Dear Phil,

Well, I was experiencing an inner battle, which I will tell you about in a future letter but now I will relate some of the events which sustained me, and in doing so, strengthened my faith.

Words are important – experiences too, but reading, listening, conversation, all played a vital role at this time. In an earlier letter I mentioned the significant turning point where the Bible began to speak to me – became the irrefutable word of God and more than a mere book. I encountered many other relevant books but I must emphasize they were all ancillary to the Bible. You'll have seen by now that I am one who recognizes divine providence; so many publications came my way – through church bookstalls, secondhand bookshops, charity shops, but always the timing was right, I was fed with just what I needed when I needed it. Besides being informative, the material had to be accessible and palatable. Bible studies in the parish though, I found unhelpful, but I went along.

I've previously told you of the importance of the 'cell'; this need was met now by an interdenominational prayer group with whom I met on Saturday mornings at High Street Methodist Church in Maidenhead. We were mainly Anglicans, Methodists, Baptists and Salvation Army and I think it was from them that I heard of the phenomenon of the 'Charismatic Movement'. The name is derived from *charismata*, a gift of grace; the gifts referred to are those listed by Paul in 1 Corinthians 12. I began to hear references to this in other quarters also and it wasn't always spoken of favourably. I determined to learn more of this disreputable movement.

From this point it becomes difficult to actually recall the sequence of events, but to cut a long story short, I will say that quite an important

breakthrough in my 'researches' came when, quite by chance I encountered a book in the public library; 'A Church by Daylight' by Dr. Leslie Paul. Therein I came across a chapter entitled 'The Gale of the Spirit', which gave an outline of the movement, and told of its growth within the historic Churches. It was partly through this reference that I began to overcome my initial scepticism, because I think, it was written by an observer. I had acquired some of the 'Charismatic' standard works and some tapes. All the teaching was thoroughly Biblical. I'd also spoken with people of that persuasion as well as some who were opposed to the whole thing. The vicar from a neighbouring (and non-'charismatic') Church mentioned, over coffee, that a couple in his parish had had a Pentecostal experience, but he didn't enlarge on this. I began to see that something was happening in 'our own backyard'!

I've said that the 'cell', with whom I met, was important; equally vital were times of reflection, the opportunity to view things from another standpoint - remember our Church was in turmoil. I secured a 'quiet time' by taking walks at dawn to a remote place which lay across the fields, 'Weycock Hill'. I would slip The New Testament into my pocket and set off, whatever the weather – I'd have been very disappointed if I'd needed to cancel my trip. It was there, in the isolation, that the scriptures really began to open up for me: God felt very close. In my experience, people tend to pour scorn on you when you say 'God spoke to me'. But I learnt of mortality and eternity at those times and in that place. I must add that around this time I became aware that I was also experiencing 'New Testament events'.

One of the hallmarks of the Charismatic Movement is the inclination to assemble in huge numbers for praise and prayer. I learnt that such a 'Renewal Meeting' took place at Nettlebed Church each month. I went along and was overwhelmed, 'It's Church, but not as we know it, Jim!' – I witnessed, and was able to join in with, the passionate and unreserved praise of many hundreds. I've already told you that I gained much from my encounters with various movements, these subsequent experiences though, more than anything that had happened previously, contributed as indeed it had for thousands of others, to a real awareness, not merely of God's existence, but of the fact that through the Holy Spirit, he was at work in my own life.

I became convinced of the truth of the Gospel; I had an assurance that God wanted me as I was and that Jesus really had died to save me from my sins.

I felt remorse due to the doubts I had previously held regarding the authenticity of this. I had too, failed to recognise that presence in my

life. Further, I had failed to show trust, and shamefully, for many years, I'd been saying "I will follow you - but not yet! "Now, like Thomas (John 22:28), I could say 'My Lord and my God'. I had known *of* Jesus, now I knew him. I can reiterate what they said to that Samaritan woman (John 4:42) 'We no longer believe just because of what you said: now we have heard for ourselves.......' I vowed to follow him.

I am, I'm afraid, giving you quite a prolonged account of my journey.

Yours,

Bob

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Christmas seems a year ago and we have had some severe weather during that period and seen snow 8-12 inches deep. For those of us old enough to remember this last occurred 30 years ago. Great for the first few days but extremely inconvenient thereafter. This was followed by minus temperatures and we then had the ice to concern ourselves with.

The Council were working throughout the nights gritting the main roads and the footpaths adjacent to schools, nursing homes, hospitals etc. Your Council had the foresight to ensure there was a good stock of salt and grit in hand unlike many other Councils who were caught out.

Potholes have become a national problem following the very bad winter weather. This is a big disappointment for RBWM following the increased investment over the last three years. This had seen a demonstrable improvement in the condition of roads within the Borough, particularly our main and secondary roads which had, by last year, seen an improvement which exceeded Government targets.

However, with the prolonged period of freezing conditions, the worst recorded for 30 years, the small cracks and fissures in road surfaces are prone to open up to cause individual potholes. Unfortunately, this is inevitable due to the majority of roads, both locally and nationally, being historic and built with different sub-structures.

But the Council can and is doing something about it by:-

Making Safe

£75000 extra money from the Council was poured into the budget for roads and instructions went out to all Councillors and officers to identify the large pot holes so that repairs could ensue quickly. 4500 potholes have already been plugged across the Borough since December. Residents were equally helpful and contacted : streetcare@rbwm.gov.uk Please let Cllr Etherington know of any we have missed or any flytipping etc. – Cllr.Etherington@RBWM.gov.uk

The Council's 7 Highways Inspectors are out constantly inspecting the roads to identify potholes which are potentially dangerous and need urgent attention. The cold and wet conditions of late mean that the Council cannot undertake permanent repairs and thus, a "temporary plug" is undertaken to make the road safe for local residents and road users but recognise that with the poor conditions, this will not last and may either need a further plug or, hopefully, a more permanent repair as soon as reasonably possible.

A Programme of More Extensive Patching - where an extensive number of potholes have occurred, it is clearly more cost effective and efficient to undertake more extensive patching rather than individual in-filling of potholes and as the weather begins to improve, we are able to bring forward a programme of extended patching. This has already commenced. Additional resources have been brought in by way of contractors to support our team who are focusing their activities on the potholes.

Permanent Repairs - we have also commenced a programme of more permanent repairs to the potholes by using a specialist contractor with infrared equipment which heats the surrounding material within an existing pothole to ensure that the new material bonds effectively and creates a permanent repair.

Council Tax

This is the big news coming out of the Council. The RBWM Council Tax rise is the lowest in the country – MINUS 4%. For an illustration - the cut equates to £41 a year off band D properties.

The savings have been made by a significant reorganisation of back office staff. This has enabled the Council to both cut tax and push more money into frontline services.

Your council tax...Your choice. You may have seen a consultation document – called Participatory Budgeting – and I hope you will have had the opportunity to partake in this consultation. This was the chance for residents to influence how the council spends $\pounds^{1/2}$ m of its 2010/11 capital budget.

The council set aside an additional $\pounds^{1/2}m$ which could provide a cash injection for several one-off local projects, depending on how residents rank a list of eight different schemes in order of priority. Alternatively, the choice could have been not to opt for spending the money at all.

Transparency and Accountability

The Council have introduced every expenditure over $\pounds 500$ to be listed so that you – the Council Tax payer – can see where your money is being spent and can hold the Council responsible. We wait and see how many other Councils will follow this move.

St Mark's Hospital Minor Injuries Unit

The Royal Borough has underlined its 'total and unequivocal' support for the minor injuries unit (MIU) at St Mark's Hospital, Maidenhead, and issued a further call to NHS Berkshire East to keep it open. The move follows news

that the primary care trust (PCT) has looked at six options for the unit but has deferred a final decision until its board meeting on 22 March.

The unit, opened last year on a trial basis, has been strongly backed by the council, local residents and Maidenhead MP Theresa May but there are fears that, despite this support, it will close its doors.

No 4/4C bus - timetable change

When the route first started, it was linked with the 239 using the same bus. Unfortunately, this resulted in very poor punctuality and unreliability for both services. Following discussions with Courtney Coaches, it was agreed that splitting the routes was the only way to solve the problem. Due to budget restraints, it is not possible to bring another vehicle into the system so adjustments to the timetable and routes were necessary.

Passenger numbers and routes were closely examined for both services and the resulting changes are as follows:-

- Due to the lack of patronage on the current 15.35 number 4 service from Frascati Way will now be amalgamated with the 4C and will leave Frascati Way at 15.10. The route has been changed so destinations will not be affected and passengers will now be able to continue the route to Bracknell Bus Station if required.
- For passengers requiring to travel to Maidenhead at that time the route of the 15.51 number 4C service from Bracknell Bus Station has been adjusted to make sure that no passengers are left without service. This means that it will now arrive at Frascati Way at 16.36 instead of 16.24.
- The rest of the days timetable or routes remains unchanged.

Neighbourhood Action Group - NAG

If you wish to help your community and have a few hours to spare, we would ask you to join the NAG group. These NAG groups were set up by the police in 2008 and unlike Neighbourhood Watch, the NAG members sit down with the Police, Community Wardens, RBWM Anti Social Behavioural Team, Parish and Borough Councillors to discuss problems with speeding, roads etc. in their vicinity so that these problems can be quickly actioned with the right departments. Please do join the NAG group as you are much needed - email: Cllr Maureen Hunt – linden.place@btinternet.com

Obviously much more has been going on in the Council since we last wrote to you and if any resident would like an update on any of their concerns with the Council, please do email: Cllr Maureen Hunt, Cllr Hazel Wilson or Cllr Paul Etherington and we'll attempt to get as much information as we can for you. In the meantime we hope you have a lovely Easter break.

Kind regards from the three of us

Cllr Maureen Hunt, Cllr Paul Etherington and Cllr Hazel Wilson

The Walthams and Hurley Beat Surgery with PCSO Deanne Wright C9312

10th April: The Star Pub car park

14th May: Neville Hall car park

11th June: Hurley Town Hall car park

9th July: The Beehive pub car park

8th August: The Star Pub car park

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Help with your Training/Education?

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Sunday 5 September 2-5pm Woodpecker Farm, Warren Row. RG10 8QS Entrance Fee £3.50 adults, Children under 16 free of charge. Teas and cakes. Plants for sale.

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GRASS CUTTING

St. Mary's Church, White Waltham, has a large churchyard which looks very nice when the grass is cut. Should anyone like to join the voluntary team who carry out this work we would be very grateful to hear from them!



Please ring 0118 934 3704



Baptisms

At White Waltham

| February 14th | Rosie Ellen, daughter of Steven Hawksfield and Sophie Jeffery |
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| February 28th | Lewis William, son of Bill and Becky Cooper |
| February 28th | Grace Jane, daughter of Bill and Becky Cooper |
| March 7th | George Kenneth, son of David and Laura Cooke |
| March 7th | Polly Alexandra Strawberry, daughter of David and Laura Cooke |

Funerals

Burial at Braywick Cemetry following service at White Waltham

February 10th Thomas Robert Stannage, aged 87 (Tudor House)

Cremation

February 11th Evelyn Madge Strong, aged 92 (Tudor House)

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|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--|--|---|--|
| | 8.00 am White Waltham | 9.30 am Shottesbrooke | 11.00 am White Waltham | Afternoon/ Evening | |
| Maundy Thursday 1 April | | | | 8.00 p.m. at Waltham St Lawrence Holy Communion | |
| Good Friday 2 April | | | 10.00 am The way to the Cross for all ages | 12.00-3.00 pm at White Waltham Three Hours Service | |
| Easter Day 4 April | Holy Communion BCP | Holy Communion BCP | Family Service followed by short Holy Communion | | |
| Sunday 11 April | Holy Communion BCP | Holy Communion BCP | Morning Prayer | | |
| Sunday 18 April | 11. | ed Holy Communion Se 00 am at White Walth owed by Lunch and Al | nam | | |
| Sunday 25 April | Holy Communion CW | Holy Communion BCP | Morning Prayer | | |
| Sunday 2 May | Holy Communion BCP | Morning Prayer BCP | Family Service | | |
| Sunday 9 May | Holy Communion BCP | Holy Communion BCP | Morning Prayer | | |
| Ascension Day Thursday 13 May | | | | 8.00 pm at Shottesbrooke Holy Communion | |
| Sunday 16 May | Holy Communion BCP | Morning Prayer BCP | Holy Communion | | |
| Sunday 23 May | Holy Communion CW | Holy Communion BCP | Morning Prayer | | |
| Sunday 30 May | Holy Communion BCP | Morning Prayer BCP | Holy Communion | | |
| Sunday 6 June | Holy Communion BCP | Morning Prayer BCP | Family Service | | |

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