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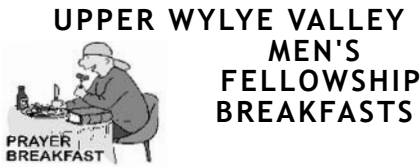
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At the 3rd February breakfast Mark Bunting, a local supporter of Pick Ups for Peace, gave an inspirational talk about the efforts of the charity which pulls together a convoy of donated 4 WD vehicles, ambulances and quad bikes every few months to deliver aid and equipment directly into the hands of the Ukrainian Army. Not only was a record amount donated (over £280), but also several breakfasters have now indicated a willingness to raise more funds and to help with a delivery run to Lviv in the summer. Two of the four new volunteers, John Russell, a co-organiser of the breakfasts, and Nicholas Walters have already set up a Just Giving webpage where you can support their plans.

The next breakfast, on the 3rd of March, brings an opportunity to hear Justin de Meo speak about the Monte San Martino Trust, a charity founded in 1989 to acknowledge the courage and sacrifice of the Italian country people who rescued many of the 50,000 Allied servicemen who were on the run from the Italian PoW camps after the Armistice in September 1943 and attempting to rejoin Allied forces. The trust grants educational bursaries, funds research and maintains an online archive of PoW memoirs. Eric Newby's book 'Love and War in the Apennines' might be good pre-reading.

Breakfasts are held at The George Inn, Longbridge Deverill and start at 8.15am. The cost is £15, payable in cash at the door, of which £2 will go towards the charity of the speaker's choice. Please note, this is not a club, but is open to all. Just contact the organisers via email (uwvmfb@gmail.com), before the preceding Friday at the latest, if you'd like to attend.

CODFORD ST PETER'S CHURCH ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN

**SATURDAY 12TH APRIL,
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Practical Help for Ukraine - Phones.

If you have one or more redundant old mobile phones of any vintage please consider supporting the Charity Pickups for Peace which supplies rejuvenated old pickup trucks to Ukraine. Volunteers drive them out and deliver them, filled with useful digging tools, generators, mobile phones and the like. The phones are of particular use to Ukrainian soldiers and their families.

John Russell of the Men's Breakfast is currently raising money for a pickup and its contents and will be joining a delivery convoy.

Old mobiles (with charger if possible) should please be delivered to Willie Mahon at The Old Rectory North, Church Lane, Codford St Mary, BA12 0PJ. Telephone 01985 850586. There will be a green box outside the front door eagerly awaiting the mobiles' arrival.

They should have the sim card removed, and if possible be sent 'restored to factory settings'. If this is beyond your digital ability, fear not. It will be done for you before they are sent to Ukraine.

Please also do not expect a fulsome thank you letter, but do leave your name and contact number so I can acknowledge receipt. Thank you.

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Easter Lilies at St Peter's Church

In memory of loved ones, donations are being collected for lilies to be displayed in St Peter's Church at Easter. If you would like to contribute please leave your contribution in an envelope with your details and the names of anyone you would like to dedicate the lilies to. Then pop the envelope in my letterbox at the gate of Codford Lodge, opposite the church. Many thanks. KE

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MINISTRY LETTER

Last month, I wrote about the growth of early Christianity and the influence of the Roman Emperor Constantine. Now I want to reflect upon the Council of Nicaea, which has its 1700th anniversary this year. In the early centuries of the church, different teachings arose around key questions of Christian belief, such as: Was Jesus fully God and fully human? When he became sole ruler of the Roman Empire in AD 324, Constantine found a serious theological debate raging through all the provinces. The Arian Controversy, as it became known, was the most divisive in the early 4th century.

Arius, an Alexandrian bishop, controversially declared that while Jesus had been sent by God, he was not uniquely the Son of God. Although forced into exile, his teaching proved popular among many of his peers, but fiercely opposed by those wishing to uphold Christian truth.

These theological arguments also became mixed in with struggles for personal status and political power. Constantine knew that politically he needed to keep his empire united under his authority, and could not afford any controversies to spill over into opposing factions and maybe wars. He saw the need for reconciliation, and doctrinal orthodoxy within the church.

In May 325, Constantine called and presided over a Church Council at Nicaea, in Turkey, which lasted until July 325. Two to three hundred bishops and theologians travelled from all over the Roman Empire, at Imperial expense! The most important and lasting work of this Council was the formulation of the Nicene Creed. From the earliest days of the church, Christians developed short, simple summaries of the faith, which became known as creeds, from the Latin credo, 'I believe and trust'. Some are found in the New Testament letters of St Paul.

Each section of the more detailed Nicene Creed begins with the words 'I believe..'. It was drawn up to state orthodox Christian beliefs: that God is one and yet three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, which had been made necessary to refute false teaching. 1,700 years later, it is in regular use by all the main Christian traditions, in their teaching and worship. Basically, it tells the story of God's good news to the world, which has been passed down the centuries by the worldwide Christian family. This statement of faith continues today as we make known the love of God in the person of his Son, Jesus Christ, with the help of his Spirit.

Barbara Luscombe

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

(First letter of John, chapter 1 verse 8) *RH*

LENT

Lent starts on Ash Wednesday, 5 March, when the choir will lead the 'Service for the beginning of Lent' in Heytesbury church at 6 p.m.

LENT GROUPS

Tuesdays in Codford, 6.00pm at Phil and Kim's house, to study the book recommended by the Bishop of Salisbury: 'In the Fullness of Time' by Paul Bradbury, about the present and future of the church.

Wednesdays in Heytesbury, 6.00pm at Roger and Diana's house, led by Barbara. The Nicene creed and the Bible.

Fridays in Sutton Veny, 6.00 - 7.00pm starting on 7th March to read 'In the Fullness of Time' by Paul Bradbury. Robert Young has very kindly offered the use of the sitting room in the annexe to his home - The Bell House, 81 High Street

LENT LUNCHES

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LYME DISEASE

I have recently returned home from hospital having contracted Lyme disease. This nasty illness is passed on by infected ticks and is still rare. It can affect people differently and can lie dormant in the body for a long time. It gave me a problem with my heart, pericarditis, and caused my wrists to swell and be very painful, a bit like gout. It will be a long recovery, I have three months' worth of one antibiotic.



Walking through long grass and woodlands or having close contact with animals, can all increase your chances of being bitten by a tick.

Infected ticks usually leave a red mark at the site of the bite with a red ring around it. I was not aware of anything like that.

I am not a dog walker, most of my walking these days is done on surfaced paths. We have had many more deer in the garden recently, and I am wondering if, as well as eating my choice leaves, they have left behind some unwelcome visitors. I will definitely increase my deer deterrents!

There is much more information about Lyme disease online, do check it out, as early treatment is key.

Angela Rosenthal

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THOUGHTS FROM MY GARDEN

What a pleasure it is to be able to be out in the garden again after so much horrible weather! I've looked at the seed and plant catalogues and am now ready to get going. Unfortunately, there are still not enough fine warm days but we're getting there! The birds are already looking at nest sites and it's a joy to hear them singing their hearts out. I always like to think the robin is singing for me as he sings so loudly in the trees or sits beside me with his head on one side looking for grubs.

It was a delight to have grandchildren from Australia playing in the garden over the weeks they were here at Christmas. One of the highlights for them was snow one evening, resulting in a splendid snowball fight and a three-foot snowman. They had never seen snow before and the snow was perfect for making a big snowman. The grass took a bit of a battering and all too soon all that was left was a few pebbles and a carrot! The grass will recover, it's there to be raced around and played on.

I have been out clearing some of the old plants in the pond, as by the time you read this the frogs will have arrived. Surprisingly, the water was not too cold and the job needed to be done so that the frogspawn has room around the margins and the frogs don't leave it on the pebbles on the edges of the pond where it's easy prey for blackbirds. I have heard the odd croaking sound from the pond but so far, no extra visitors vying for a mate.

I have got a bit of a shady spot that needs something new. I'm thinking of a Mahonia which always looks so good at

this time of year and might help the early bees and maybe I could put a silver leaf Brunnera under it. Or should I think of something that is at its best in the summer as the space is beside the summer house, which is why it's a bit shaded as the sun doesn't hit that spot until later in the day, even in summer.

It is almost too easy to be seduced

by the suggestions in magazines and articles in whichever month we are in so maybe I should be reading a gardening book which covers month by month. I have got several!

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TURBO'S DOG BLOG FOR DEEP MID-WINTER

It has been truly horrid; a miserably cold, muddy and slippery beginning to the year which is not just unpleasant at 'walkies' time but can be even worse on returning home. I refer, of course, to the 'rub-down' that precedes even the smallest step across the threshold, and which is accompanied by utterly puerile cooing noises designed to make a dog feel better and reduce the wriggling, let alone any escape from his clutches for a roll in wet grass.

'Come along, now, you know you like it really.' No, I don't. 'You're going to look such a beautiful boy when I've finished.' No, I won't. 'Don't you want to be nice and dry and clean?' No. And so it goes on; fingers in my ears, poking around in my toenails and unmentionable massaging of unmentionable areas with the roughest towel you can imagine. Roll on Spring when I will be able to paddle in the river and then go through all that palaver again - but, somehow, it won't feel quite so bad.

I had to go to the Vet last week for my annual MOT. The Guvnor booked me in but then chickened out of the actual appointment leaving the Muvnor to do the honours. She, poor soul, was unprepared for the rocket delivered by the Vet about the state of my teeth. They know I should

have them cleaned regularly; I know they should be cleaned regularly but I just can't bear anyone or anything near my mouth - except for food, and that apparently is the problem, and bones and chewies don't seem to help.

My cousin, Clyde, was a Labrador and he didn't mind having his teeth cleaned as (a) he enjoyed the attention, (b) he liked the taste of the toothpaste, and (c) he occasionally ate the toothbrush if it was left lying around. He died when he was 12 and we never really knew what did for him in the end; old age, perhaps, or a tummy full of plastic and bristles which really isn't good for you. But he did have beautiful teeth!

My annual check-up ended with a pat on the back for weight control. As a terrier, I probably shouldn't call it my 'fighting weight' but whatever the Vet calls it the Guvnor knows it is about 7.5kg. I weighed in at 7.4kg and looked daggers at him when I arrived home. 'I keep telling you that you've been starving me; it's animal cruelty you know,' to which he shrugged and gave me a very small tea meal.

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The daffodil is one of the most popular plants in Britain. It represents the season of spring, which in turn symbolises a time of rebirth, a new beginning, hope, joy and good luck.

The botanical name for the daffodil is 'Narcissus.' There is a story in Greek mythology that states that the word Narcissus is named after a young man who was known for his beauty and he was tricked into falling in love with his own reflection. The drooping flowers that characterise most daffodils are said to represent Narcissus bending over to catch his reflection in a pool of water. Thus, in the English language, if someone is said to be 'narcissistic', it is suggesting that they are showing an excessive admiration in their own physical appearance.

The daffodil has been the subject of various literary works over the centuries, but most famously it is described in William Wordsworth's well known poem, 'I wandered lonely as a cloud'. Written in 1804, the poem was inspired by a 'long belt' of daffodils which Wordsworth encountered while on a walk with his younger sister, Dorothy, on the shore of Ullswater, in the Lake District.

I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced; but they
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:
A poet could not but be gay,
In such jocund company:
I gazed and gazed, but little thought
What wealth the show to me had brought:

For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.

William Wordsworth

This poem is now recognised as a classic of English Romantic poetry and in a poll conducted in 1995, for the BBC programme 'Bookworm', it was listed as seventh in the nation's favourite poems.

Daffodil bulbs are usually planted in the autumn, for them to flower in the spring. As most gardeners will know, daffodils should be dead-headed when flowering has finished. The foliage, however, should be left for a number of weeks, until it has turned brown. It can then be tidied away. The reason for this process is that the foliage supplies the strength for next year's bulbs.

The UK is the world's biggest grower of daffodils and it is likely that they were brought to Britain by the Romans, who planted them in memory of

loved ones or comrades fallen in battle. One thing is certain, their beauty continues to give us joy, and pleasure, whether planted in our gardens, or in the wild, or as cut flowers in our homes. Long may they continue!



Jonathon Wansey

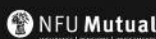
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With warming oceans putting more moisture into the atmosphere we have more storms and the very heavy rain which we have experienced at the end of January is the result. Extreme events are harmful to our rivers, and with trout spawning in progress the very high flows are not welcome. On the chalk streams there will have been some movement of gravel although not to the extent that we would expect on rain fed rivers.

The tributaries, and in particular such as old cress bed outflows and spring fed carriers, will be less affected. The greatest danger will be that some trout will spawn in reaches of streams which will dry out before the eggs have time to hatch and the young to develop to the stage where they are able to move as water levels drop.

In the Chitterne brook it was always hoped that there would be sufficient flow until July to enable the fry of the year to get down into the main river. Many of the smaller winter bournes will be dry long before that. For our river

keepers the current high flows are a nightmare as any forward planning of improvement and maintenance work on the riverbanks is brought to a halt as is any hope of grayling fishing in the coming month.

The debate about beavers rumbles on and has even featured on the Archers. We now have beavers in numbers on the Avon system so like it or not we are stuck with them. I learnt quite recently from those who know about these things that they will not build dams on the Wylfe, much less the Avon, these rivers are too large.

Dams are likely to be on carriers and tributaries. It is illegal to obstruct the passage of migratory fish and large sums of money have been spent around the country removing obstructions, dams and weirs, many resulting from the industrial revolution. So such dams may need to be removed.

We are fortunate, that we had in the years post the Second World War, a Ministry of Agriculture drainage officer who was determined to change the Wylfe into a first class drain. He persuaded most of the riparian owners to remove their obstructions, mainly mill structures. This was not done for the benefit of the fish but it worked in their favour!

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FILM REVIEW - WICKED

Many years ago, whilst teaching on the East Coast, I had taken two coach loads of students to see the stage version of 'Wicked' in London. To be honest I was quite sceptical about this production but in the world of teaching you grin and bear it. Therefore, it came as a pleasant surprise to see such a well staged production.

Over the Christmas period one of my grand daughters asked if we could see 'Wicked' at the cinema, she was very insistent and as I am a soft touch with my grandchildren I succumbed and ordered tickets. Once again, I was pleasantly surprised to see how well they had put this production together. The cinema was crowded with screaming kids and their parents many of whom looked worn out after all the Christmas activities.

In the Land of Oz, we are introduced to a good witch called Glinda the

good who is visiting Munchkinland as the people are celebrating the death of the Wicked Witch of the West. A small child asks Glinda why wickedness happens. She explains by discussing the Witches' story. We learn that the Wicked Witch was born after an affair between the wife of the Governor Thropp and a travelling salesman. The wicked witch was snubbed from birth owing to her green skin and uncontrollable magical abilities. Because Glinda was asked if they were friends, she explains they knew each other and then explains their past. To tell you more would be wicked!

The cinematography is excellent, special effects great, and the film does

raise some interesting questions from the children who see it. (One for me was what is an affair?) I faced a barrage of questions from a very bright granddaughter (OK! I am biased, cos she is my granddaughter) some of which were quite difficult to answer (see above).

If you get an opportunity to see this film or movie as some people refer to it, do take the risk and let me know any of the questions you received, so we can compare notes. It is available on one of the streaming services either Netflix or Apple TV.

Robin Culver

JOKE CORNER!

"Vicar, will you pray for Annabelle next Sunday?"

"Certainly" said the vicar, and did so.

The following week he said to the man "How is Annabelle? Would you like me to pray for her again?"

"No thanks, Vicar. She won at 6 to 4 on." *RH*



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PEOPLE WHO DO...

Just occasionally, if you are really lucky, new people arrive in your village, unpack and set up their businesses and then, while looking around, notice that where they now live is lovely but has the potential to be even better. We have such a couple in Codford; between them and some newly acquired friends, they have reinstated the Codford Fireworks, instituted a weekly Fun Run, decorated the High Street with poppies for Remembrance-tide, scooped up the ashes of the defunct Ashton Gifford News creating a new village website, raised money to plant daffodils in open spaces around the village and painted railings along the Brook which no-one else felt able to do - and more that is below the radar.

It is people like this who not only revitalise rural life but quietly and without fuss enable it to become more interesting, more exciting, more attractive, more fun and more inclusive. Our village wants to say a huge thank you to Kevin and Sarah Dorrington for giving us the extra lift we have been looking for. They will say it is not just them, but every positive action needs a catalyst and our wonderful village has a new lease of life; thank you. *AL*

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VILLAGE NEWS

CODFORD COMMUNITY WEBSITE UPDATE

Codford community website is thriving, with visitor numbers steadily growing. To keep this momentum going, we've launched three exciting initiatives to attract even more visitors.

Firstly, we've introduced a monthly quiz or competition. In January, we had a quiz about Codford and its surrounding areas, followed by a Valentine's themed quiz in February. For March, we're planning a Mother's Day colouring competition, and in April, an Easter themed quiz. These fun activities can be found on our homepage, so please join in!

Secondly, we've added a feedback form to hear your thoughts on what you'd like to see on the website. Your input will help us shape future plans.

Thirdly, we've added a collection of historical photos to our gallery, with more to come. If you have any photos to share, please send them to us with a brief description.

We're also posting weekly key events on social media to reach a wider audience and encourage more engagement with our website being the go-to place for all the latest happenings in Codford. Come and explore all the valuable, interesting, and engaging information we have to offer!



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If you're interested, please give me a call at 07555787351 or email codfordcommunity@gmail.com.

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CODFORD KEY COMMUNITY EVENTS DURING MARCH 2025

- 2nd St Peter's church parish communion service. 11:00
- 3rd Men's fellowship breakfast. 08:15 - The George Inn, Longbridge Deverill.
- 5th Film night at Woolstore theatre. Doors open at 19:00.
- 8th Codford park run. 10:00 Codford village hall.
- 9th St Mary's church Evensong - 18:00
- 13th Hearing aid clinic. Codford village hall (small hall), from 10:00 - 12:00.
- 15th Winter warmers (soup, roll, drink & biccy). Pay what you can. 12:00 at Broadleaze bar, Codford village hall.
- 16th St Peter's church Sunday Worship 09:30.
- 16th Woolstore Theatre opens its doors for monthly drinks. 12:00 - 14:00.
- 16th Sunday market at the Ginger Piggery, Boyton. 10:00 - 14:00.
- 19th Codford and District gardening club talk 'The creation of Exbury gardens'. Codford village hall, doors open from 19:00.
- 22nd Codford Artisan market. Lots of stalls & food. 10:00 - 15:00 - Codford village hall.
- 23rd St Mary's church Parish Communion. 09:30.
- 29th The big Corton Breakfast. Fane Hall Corton from 9:00 - 11:00.
- 30th St Mary's church Mothering Sunday service. 11:00.

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HEYTESBURY CHURCHYARD

We are desperately in need of some additional help in keeping our beautiful churchyard looking smart and tidy. The grass growing season will begin before too long. We have a superb lawn mower and strimmer ready for action.

If you think you are able to give an occasional hour to assist with the upkeep of our churchyard, we would be incredibly grateful. Please contact Jonathan Wansey in order to discuss further, preferably before the end of February.

jonathanwansey@gmail.com

Thank you SO much.

HEYTESBURY OPEN PLACE - OUR CHURCH

Progress so far:

The Diocesan Advisory Committee oversees applications for redevelopment work, and its representative met the Steering Group at the end of last year. His recommendations are assisting us in the detailed work of making an application to install new lighting, heating, toilet, servery and covered meeting place in the west end. Our funding advisor, Tom, will shortly be submitting bids to a number of charities and organisations, having worked hard to obtain support from local organisations, and crafted a document that outlines the background to our project and will be attractive to prospective funders. The estimated sum required is over £1.5 million. The Parochial Church Council is grateful for contributions already made by individuals.



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SHERRINGTON

I shall be glad to welcome March as February is my least favourite month. It is a hungry time for wildlife, Autumn's supplies have dwindled. There are some days of course when the sun warms and we relax and say 'feels like spring' but then Winter slams the door shut, the wind has teeth and on days like today there is sleet in the air. Snowdrops are the redeeming feature, delicate flower heads on slender stems nodding along lanes and hedgerows.

Winter sun is silvery, low in the sky and in the Great Ridge brushing tops of bare branches. Sometimes the sky is silver too, gleaming through dark trees. Buds are still tightly shut though yellow catkins dance and we know that when the time is right those tight buds will overnight emerge with leaves and that soft haze of green will dust the trees. In the village the two willows by the foot of the bridge are among the first to green over.

In the wood it appears that the major forestry work is done. Areas have been opened up and mature trees given space to spread. There has been some replanting and the huge log piles have been carted away. It will be interesting to see if blue bells emerge. Nature is resilient but to be buried for a year or two must be a challenge. An egg from last year bobbed in last year's swan's nest, now waterlogged. I wonder if they will nest this year. The family that nested on the lake at the Manor survived and are seen on the river. Garden birds are very enthusiastic about our bird feeders and I have a pair of very bold robins who check in for porridge oats!

People who own dogs know the anguish when a loved life comes to an end. Two presences gone lately from the village, Bron the dear old boxer from No. 15 and our own Ona aka Little Dog. We were her fourth home and Nigel loved her dearly for her stout little heart and great character, the affection she showed and her appreciation of her home. When we took her on we knew she had a debilitating condition, not curable but could be contained. She was such fun and for the first couple of years was here and there like a little rocket. However of late she deteriorated and we both agreed that before there was suffering we must know when to let go, that has been the case with all our dogs, quality of life is paramount for humans and dogs.

There are such good times to remember, particularly the Sunday walks on Maddington Down. We parked up and both dogs were away, always the fun of a pheasant or two to put up in the Strip Wood. There is a fallen branch where we sat to have our coffee, dogs reported in for a Bonio and much needed water. There was a wide view out across the Plain. We agreed that it doesn't get better.

Betty Lewis



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Sunday next	Codford St Peter	11.00am	Parish Communion	<i>choir</i>
before Lent	Heytesbury	11.00am	Sunday Worship	
	Upton Lovell	6.00pm	Evensong	

Ash Wednesday

5 March	Heytesbury	6.00pm	Service for the beginning of Lent	<i>choir</i>
Friday 7 March	Upon Lovell	7.00pm	World Day of Prayer, supper from 6.00	

9 March	Tytherington	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
1st Sunday of	Upton Lovell	9.30am	Celtic Morning Prayer	
Lent	Sutton Veny hall	9.30/10.00	Café church, breakfast from 9.30am	
	Heytesbury	11.00am	Parish communion	<i>choir</i>
	Codford St Mary	6.00pm	Evensong (BCP)	

16 March	Boyton	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
2nd Sunday	Codford St Peter	9.30am	Sunday Worship	
of Lent	Norton Bavant	11.00am	Parish Communion	<i>choir</i>
	Tytherington	6.00pm	Evensong (BCP)	

23 March	Sutton Veny	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
3rd Sunday	Codford St Mary	9.30am	Parish Communion	<i>choir</i>
of Lent	Knook	11.00am	Sunday Worship	
	Heytesbury	6.00pm	Evensong (BCP)	

30 March	Tytherington	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
	Upton Lovell	9.30am	Mothering Sunday service	
Mothering	Sutton Veny	9.30am	Parish Communion	<i>choir</i>
Sunday	Codford St Mary	11.00am	Mothering Sunday service	
	Boyton	11.00am	Parish Communion	
	Heytesbury	11.00am	Mothering Sunday service	
	St John's, Heytesbury	6.00pm	Evensong (BCP)	

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DURING LENT

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Codford St Mary	Sunday 9 March
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Heytesbury	Sunday 23 March
Heytesbury Hospital of St John	Sunday 30 March
Upton Lovell	Sunday 6 April
Codford St Mary	Sunday 13 April

MOTHERING SUNDAY

30 MARCH

TYTHERINGTON BCP Communion	8.00
SUTTON VENY Parish Communion	9.30
UPTON LOVELL Sunday Worship	9.30
BOYTON Parish Communion	11.00
CODFORD ST MARY Sunday Worship	11.00
HEYTESBURY Sunday Worship	11.00

CHARITY LUNCHES

Tuesday 11 March, Heytesbury St John's
Saturday 22 March, Upton Lovell Village Hall
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Tuesday 8 April, Heytesbury St John's
Saturday 12 April, Sutton Veny Village Hall

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