

St Dominick

PARISH NEWS

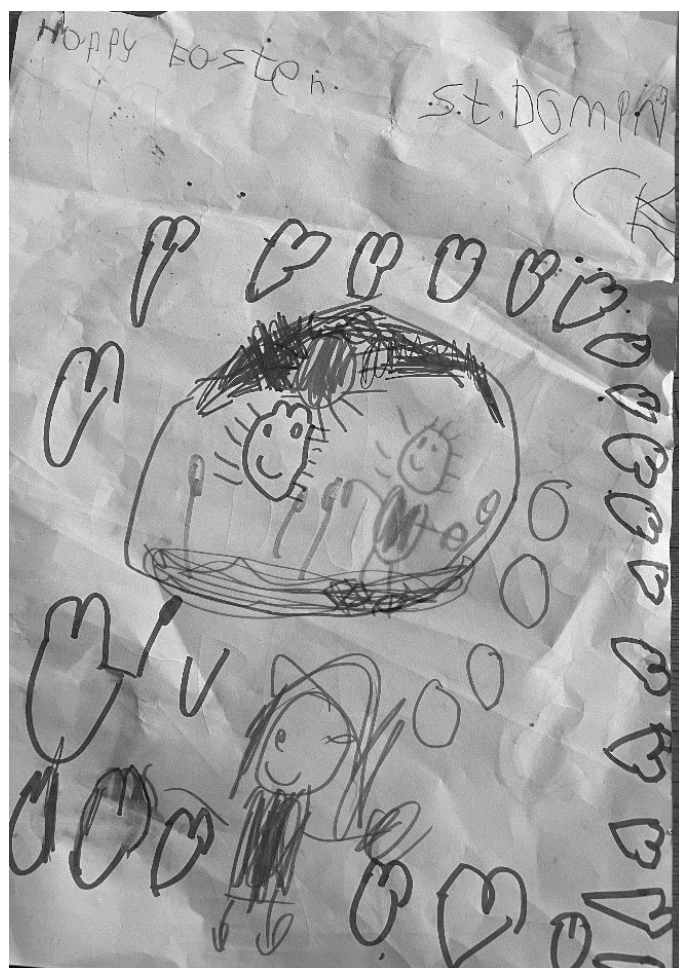
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Parish News Front cover

A big thank you to everyone who entered a drawing for the front cover of the Easter Parish news this month. A worthy winner from Ann-Marie Davey. And a special mention for this beautiful entry from 4 year old Vivienne – ‘It’s my imagination and there’s an Easter duck and a pussy cat, and all the love is around’.

Gorgeous. Watch this space for the next opportunity coming up in the Autumn.



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Mary Borlase would like to thank all those people in the village, and the surrounding area, who have kindly donated old unwanted Christmas and Greetings cards for her to use for the Handbell Fund. It is appreciated. Those that are not suitable are put out for recycling.

If you have any cards to dispose of, please leave them on the table in the Church marked for Mary and they will be collected when Kevan comes to bell practice.

St Dominick WI - Mercy Ships.

On Wednesday 12th of March St Dominick WI welcomed our speaker Ruth Croome who told us about the incredible work that is carried out by two amazing vessels called the Mercy Ships. These ships, named The Africa Mercy and The Global Mercy, are hospital ships that take free surgery and vital medical care to sub-Saharan Africa, where 9 out of 10 people don't have access to safe surgery. The ships dock in ports around the African coast for up to a year bringing hope and healing to families living in unjust poverty and who are in urgent need of care. Everyone who works on board and everyone who services the ships are all volunteers, from carpenters to chefs, seafarers to surgeons, teachers to technicians, nurses to hairdressers!! Every profession you would find in a village can be found among Mercy Ship volunteers and over half of the skilled roles are not medical. Each year, more than 2,000 volunteers from over 60 nations serve onboard the ships and they fly the flag of each nation on the ship! They are always looking for volunteers and funding.

Ruth introduced us to many of the children and adults who have been treated on the ships, many of the patients will have walked

over 100 miles to get to the port where the ships have docked. Patients present various conditions which require treatment from different areas of medicine from Maxillofacial (Cysts, plastic surgery, cleft lips or burns), Orthopaedic (malnutrition, muscle contraction and bowed legs, etc), Obstetric Fistula (injuries from childbirth, pain, incontinence - that results in that person being rejected from their village), General Surgery, Ophthalmic Surgery (cataracts, etc), Dental Surgery to Palliative care (where the support is often to help the families find an alternative income stream).

One amazing surgeon has spent many years working voluntarily on the ships. He is sponsored by a Church in America. He met his wife on board and their 2 children are now involved in the wonderful work that their parents do! Often the volunteers have their families with them and there is a school on board each ship to enable families to stay together whilst parents work. There are 15 hundred volunteers working on each ship, doing 200 different jobs on board. Some local staff are paid.

Whilst the ships are docked they work with locals to train and mentor healthcare professionals and build a stronger medical service in the locality. Teams go out and refurbish or renovate outdated or unhygienic facilities taking with them equipment and medical supplies. They also help to set up convalescent centres called HOPE centres. They work with farmers as well to encourage them to grow crops that are nutritious and will also be good crops to sell and create an income. So Mercy Ships make a lasting impact long after the ships depart.

Since 1978 when Don and Deyon Stephens had a vision to take world-class health care, medical facilities, equipment, supplies and skilled surgeons to places that need help the most, they have performed 105,000+ life changing surgeries, visited 56 developing

nations, trained 49,000+ local healthcare professionals and mobilised 2,500+ volunteers every year, bringing life changing medical care and hope to everyone they care for.

Ruth's inspiring talk created a lot of discussion amongst us as we celebrated our 79th Anniversary with cake and a glass of bubbly.

Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday 9th April at 7.30 for 7.45 start, in St Dominick Parish Hall and our talk is entitled The Voyage of the Mayflower with Mike Haywood. If you would like to know more about our friendly vibrant WI please come along as a guest and you will be greeted with a warm welcome.



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April Gardening Notes

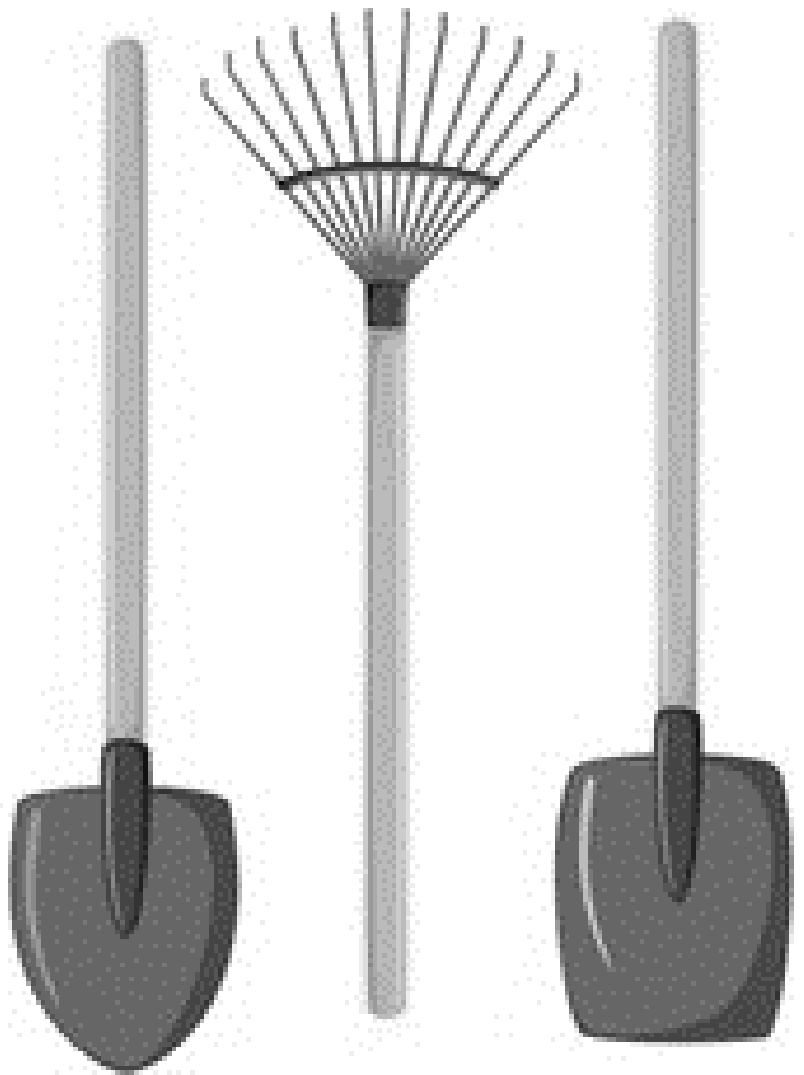
Things really get going in the garden this month with a mixture of warm sunny days and April showers which should make for some ideal growing conditions, but still watch out for frosts and keep any tender plants under cover until the risk of frost has passed.

Towards the end of the month, it should be safe to sow the seeds of half hardy summer bedding plants such as marigolds and

petunias but only plant them out when the days and nights warm up. Hardy annuals and wild flower seed mixes can be sown outdoors now.

April is still not too late to prune any climbing or rambling roses that you may have and it's also a good idea to mulch around roses and shrubs in general with a layer of organic matter. This will help to retain moisture during any future dry spells that we might have and also help to suppress weeds.

If possible try to get the remainder of your seed potatoes planted by the end of the month and then, hopefully, they will be ready for harvesting before the dreaded blight gets around. If your first



early potatoes begin to show through remember to keep them earthed up to protect from frost. Also you can sow crops such as carrots, parsnips, beetroot and cabbage directly into the soil.

Peas can also be sown directly into the ground but if mice have been proven to be a pest in the past foraging on the seeds it would better to sow them in pots or modules and then plant them as proper plants. (this would also apply to sweet peas).

In the green house seeds for summer bedding plants such as marigolds, asters and clary can be sown as well as salad crops and peppers, melons, squashes, courgettes, pumpkins and the like. Cuttings of flower plants such as chrysanthemums can be taken and grown on to give a flower display in late summer/early autumn. As the days warm up it may be necessary to apply some shading to the greenhouse, also ensure that there is sufficient ventilation which will also allow pollinating insects to enter.

Now is a good time to begin to make your own organic liquid fertilizer by adding plant material to a butt of rainwater and allowing it to soak for a few weeks. The resulting liquid can be diluted and used as a liquid plant feed. Almost any green vegetation such as weeds, grass cuttings, cabbage leaves and kitchen peelings can be used for this but nettles and comfrey are particularly good.

If you have a wildlife pond try to avoid removing excess weed and algae until frogs, toads and newts have finished spawning and also ensure that there is a route for amphibians to enter and exit safely to escape into the surrounding cover when necessary.

When out in your garden be on the lookout for summer visiting birds, such as swallows and house martins. When you see these

you can be sure that spring has arrived. As ever, continue to garden with nature and wildlife in mind.

Also, please remember the annual plant sale in May where they are always glad of any spares you have, phone numbers in the separate article, also think about what you might enter in the Autumn show in September. Its not too early to start planning your entries. You can even sit in your lovely garden and knit – as long as no one can see you from the road!



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ST DOMINICK DIARY

April 2025

Parish Church services

- Sunday 6th 3pm Cornish Evening Prayer at Halton Quay
- Sunday 13th 10am Palm Sunday Procession – start from the school
10.40am Holy Communion
- Friday 18th 12noon Stations of the Cross
- Sunday 27th 10am Contemporary Celtic Worship

For details of Services in other Churches of the Benefice please look at the 7 Link on the following website [Tamar Valley Benefice \(google.com\)](http://TamarValleyBenefice.google.com)

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Churchwardens:

Jessop Price pricejessop@gmail.com 01579 350049

Mrs Clare Lee clareleepcc@btinternet.com 01579 351381

Toddler Group

Thursdays: April 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th

From 9.30 to 11.30, Free, informal play and chat, open to all under school age with an adult.

Methodist Services. Sundays

6th April	6pm	M.Pellow	
13th April	6pm	J.Park.	Palm Sunday
18th April	6pm	T.Wilkinson.	Good Friday
20th April	6pm	K.Mutton.	Easter Day
27th April	6pm	Local Arrangement	

APRIL

Tues 1 st	Hobbies just come along to parish Hall with something to do 1.00-5.00
Wed 2 nd	Parish council 7:00pm Parish Hall
Thurs 3 rd	Wreckers practice, Parish Hall
Friday 4 th	Mobile Library 11:45am – 12:05pm Outside Parish Hall
Wed 9 th	W.I.
Thurs 10 th	Wreckers
Tues 15 th	Hobbies as above
Thurs 17 th	Wreckers
Saturday 19 th	Easter Egg hunt Recreation Ground (see poster)
Thurs 24 th	Wreckers last practice until Autumn
Tues 29 th	Hobbies as above

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

1 st May	Council elections
8 th - 10 th May	Church Craft fair
17 th May	Plant Sale - Parish Hall please plant seedlings to donate
17 th May	Open Garden Halton Quay. Kay & Jessop Price 2pm-5pm
21 st May	Annual Parish Meeting



28 th June	Callington Gospel Choir at St Dominick Methodist Church. 7pm - 9pm. Raffle and refreshments. £8 on the door.
13 th Sep	Autumn Show – please start preparing
6 th Oct	Harvest Auction
6-8 th Nov	Church craft Fair
29 th Nov	Christmas tree light switch on
7 th Dec	Loveny Male Voice Choir – Parish Hall

St. Dominick Hand Bell Ringers Fridays 7.30 Contact Robin Wood 01579 350 767

St. Dominick Community Shop (Village Hall car park) 01579 350841
Open Mon-Fri 8.45-5.30. Saturday 9-5.30. Sunday 9.15-11.30

Post Office Friday 9-12pm – please note the updated hours.

Fish van and other services see shop article

Parish Hall bookings contact: lornabc@talktalk.net 01579 350776

Items for the Diary page to: ourparishnews@gmail.com by the 15th of each month.

St Dominick Community Shop

The welcome arrival of some warm Spring weather has seen the Shop busy stocking up on ice creams & lollies in the freezers by popular demand as well as having cheery bunches of daffodils for sale. Also, now on the shelves is a great range of Easter goodies perfect for gifts or for you to enjoy. After all, it is officially chocolate season – as if we need an excuse!

Don't forget that the Shop is still offering a hamper making service so if you are thinking about Easter presents, a gift-wrapped hamper of Cornish foods might just fit the bill. Also, a great idea for birthdays and other special occasions.

Our selection of Cornish artisan cheeses has really expanded over the last year as we have tested out a guest cheese each month. Those you like (& buy!) we now have as regular stock in the fridge so for something a bit different and a bit special we can offer products that you won't find in the supermarkets so do think of us and get your local cheeses from the Shop.

Here's what's coming up in April:

Cheese of the month – we have an extra mature cheddar for you to try. Barnstormer is a strong, full of flavour cheese with a slightly crumbly texture. See what you think!

Easter Raffle – we will have a super hamper of Shop goodies to be won in our Easter raffle. Free to enter just spend £7 or more in a single transaction and your raffle ticket will enter into our prize draw. Starts Saturday 5th April and closes at midday on Easter Saturday with the draw shortly after close. Good luck!

Fridays 4th & 18th - the Pengelly's fish van will be in the car park between 10.30 – 11.30 offering their normal great range of fresh fish. If you would like to order, please call 01503 262246 or email orders@pengellysfish.com by no later than 1.00pm on the day before (Thursday). If you cannot collect your fish from the van during the time it is here, we are happy to keep it in the bottom of one of our fridges so you can collect later in the day.

Every Friday – the Post Office service is available between 9.00-12.00 midday. A reminder that you can withdraw or deposit money in your bank account as well as posting letters and parcels.

Every Saturday – you can get hot pasties – steak, steak & gravy and cheese & onion as well as sausage rolls from our pasty warmer between 10.00-1.00pm. If you would like to order in advance, please let one of our Volunteers know by no later than 5.30pm on the Thursday before.

We have a number of new lines this month on our shelves and in the fridges including Jimmy's iced coffee, Shandy Shack flavoured shandies, new flavours of Buttermilk fudge & new flavours of Seabrook crisps to name just a few. Worth a browse around periodically as we are always on the lookout for new products to tempt you!

That's our news. As always, we look forward to seeing you in the Shop very soon.

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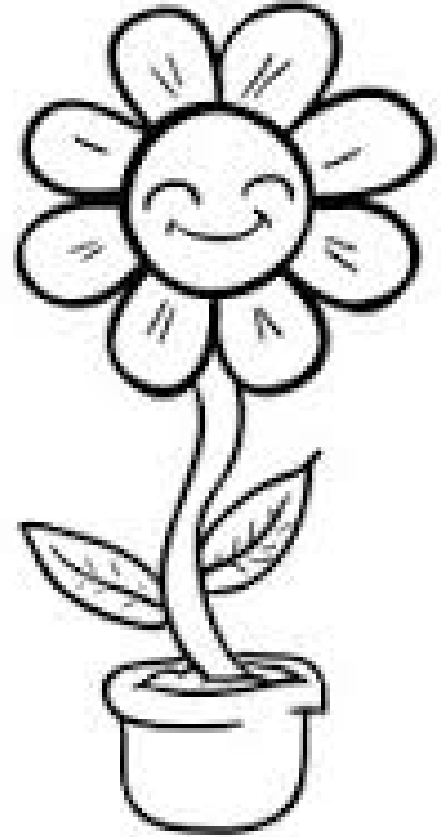
Annual Plant Sale – Saturday 17th May

Please will you all put Saturday 17th May in your diaries, this is the day when every year you come to the hall with your plants to donate and leave with just as many from other people, all to raise money for hall funds. The hall is for everyone in the parish to use and costs a lot to keep going.

In preparation for this we would be very grateful if you would remember us when you are splitting your perennials, perhaps put a few extra veg plants in when you do your own and maybe even grow a few bedding plants for us. Don't discard any pot plants either due to lack of space, someone will love them.

Looking forward to seeing you all on the day, details next month. Any queries please call

Jo 01579 350656 or Linda 01579 350556 for more information.



Parish council report March 2025

The start time of this meeting had been brought forward to 6.30 and although advertised on social media the general public hadn't seen it. Anyway, we started at 6.30 because it was St Piran's evening and someone must have wanted to get to the pub, I'm not actually sure who that was. I might be wrong but I think there were only two Cornish people present, I was one and I'm guessing Councillor Hunn was the other but I might be wrong.

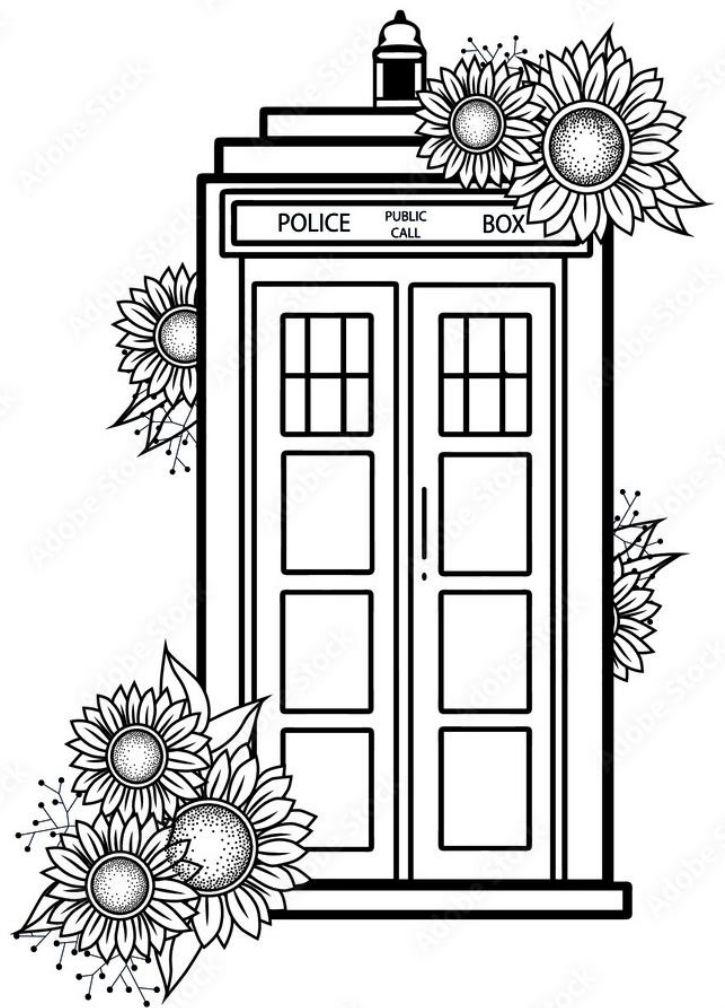
There was no one there for the public session.

So, we went in and there was Councillor Long's face on a large video screen, he'd been called away for work but wanted to give an update on things and was just reminding everyone he would be standing for re-election in May in case they might forget. He reported the Meadows planning application had been turned down this time, the one that's been ongoing for years. He also reported the really bad footpath at Dillets was not considered to be bad enough yet and was to go under a six monthly review, there was no update on the Tamar Bridge works and the council has no money so we have no bus stop markings. (Buses?)!

Councillor Wilkins asked him a question about Voneous, which he had to do by leaving his seat and addressing the screen, as they do on Doctor Who sometimes. I can't remember the question, nor answer, but Wildanet are around now. Best go to one of Andrew's surgeries at the village shop to ask him.

Then he was turned off and went to have his tea.

Then the public arrived. A member of the public had come to thank both Andrew Long and the parish council with regard to the planning refusal, so that was duly noted. Another couple came with regard to their planning application which was discussed, and the agenda continued, quite quickly actually because of the pub.



Councillor Greene wants a flagpole but didn't have any costs so that was deferred, the Dilletts footpath was talked about, they wondered if a volunteer could trip up and apparently the last parishioner who fell on it has photos.

The chairman even said "chop chop" at one point to hurry things along!

The speeding figures will be produced next time, maybe.

The ROSPA report is due. The gates aren't closing properly, Councillor Fry said he will have a look at them sometime soon. But, guess what, he's done the goalposts and the children are allegedly delighted with them. But, councillor Heslop thought they were in the wrong place, not as agreed, actually it's been talked about for so long I don't think anyone could remember where they should/shouldn't have gone

Councillor Wilkins asked for it to be made clear that people could still enter the football field through the side gate to play on the swings without paying to watch the football when there was a match, so that was alright. They've been allowing that for the last 100 years so no reason to change I don't suppose.

Then we had a hold up, the general public saw their chance and left. The parish hall committee have been discussing, at length, for a few years the shutters into the kitchen, which are not fire proof and are a bit heavy and there have been complaints/rumblings over the years that people can't all manage them. They are going to be costly to replace with anything suitable. So, as the parish council give grants, they asked if they might have some help. Well, that set the ball rolling. "Why did they want to do that, it was too much money" etc. Someone on the council, who is on

the hall committee, asked why was it so expensive, having sat through hall meetings for months. Anyway, members of the hall committee who were on the parish council i.e., Cox, Wenmoth and Greene had to leave the room and go into the kitchen out of earshot.

The remaining members got out of their seats and tried to open the shutters to see how heavy they were- no they didn't. The result was a bit like "Dragon's Den", they could have some of the money but the council would rather give them money towards the car park outside. i.e., they like car drivers, but not elderly, disabled or vertically challenged people.

It seems everyone's given up on chasing Cornwall Council who took away the car park surface by mistake.

In last month's Parish News there was a form to fill in, if there is more than one of you in your household you can copy it off as you might not all agree. Please try to do it. There is to be a council election, all councillors have to stand down and apply for re-election, I think by 4.00 on 2nd April, hopefully some of you have applied. If there are not enough candidates there is no election, there isn't usually. It would be nice if someone applied who had actually been to a meeting, but they will soon learn.

Next meeting 2nd April 7.00 parish Hall, all welcome.



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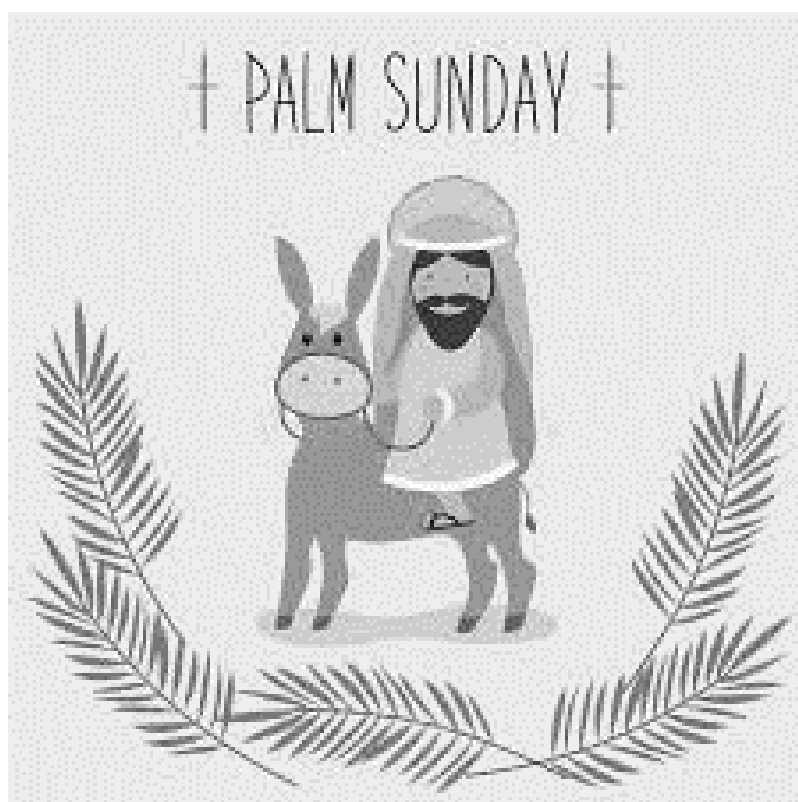
monthly rota, and helpers only do the dates suitable for them. (DBS check and Safeguarding Training provided).

Holy Hike! Come and Join the Fun

The donkey will be the star attraction on Sunday 13th April. We meet at the Village School as the clock strikes 10.00. Hope your vocal chords are working well at that hour of the day, as we are going to sing all your favourite hymns.

So what is going on here!? Well, it is Palm Sunday and we all walk down through the village towards the Church, stopping at various places along the way to have a good sing.

What happened on Palm Sunday? I hear you say. Well, it is the occasion we remember Jesus' ride into Jerusalem on a donkey, greeted by people waving palm branches. So, we are going to make a lot of noise and eight of us, plus a narrator have volunteered to tell the story as we make our way past the Village Hall, make a stop at the Methodist Church on past Church View and ending up at St Dominick Church. Do come. All are welcome and it's a fun occasion.



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