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# Dates for your Diary



Unfortunately many events scheduled have had to be cancelled. But do let us know about any planned events for later in the year.

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# Editorial Natter...

## Welcome Back



Welcome to the April edition of Life Magazine, I hope you're all keeping well and staying safe.

We have another packed edition this month with lots of interesting content from both Villages. I'll let you flick through and read for yourself.

I'd like to take this opportunity to say a personal thank you to the Anonymous Perry Resident who made a tremendous donation to Life Magazine this month (more on Page 26). It's an extremely generous donation and we are very appreciative of the help and support this money will give us during these uncertain times.

I can't believe it's Easter already, time to get stuck back into the chocolate and put on a few more kgs. I'll see you all in June!

*This issue was edited by Shaun*

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Great Staughton Village Hall 10:30 - midday

Sadly, because of the current health crisis and to comply with Church of England directives, we are obliged to suspend the monthly Tuesday coffee mornings for now.

We shall miss seeing all our friends but it is important that we all stay safe and well, and play our part in not spreading the virus. As soon as we can resume our meetings safely, we shall let you know!!

**Treasurers Corner**

*Hello,*

No Pots this month but thanks to Perry Post Office and all the contributors there! Thanks for the people so far who have come forward with donations and ideas for keeping the Magazine going. Keep on thinking and donating!

*Thanks, Helen*



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We look forward to hearing from you!

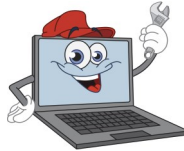
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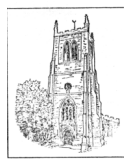


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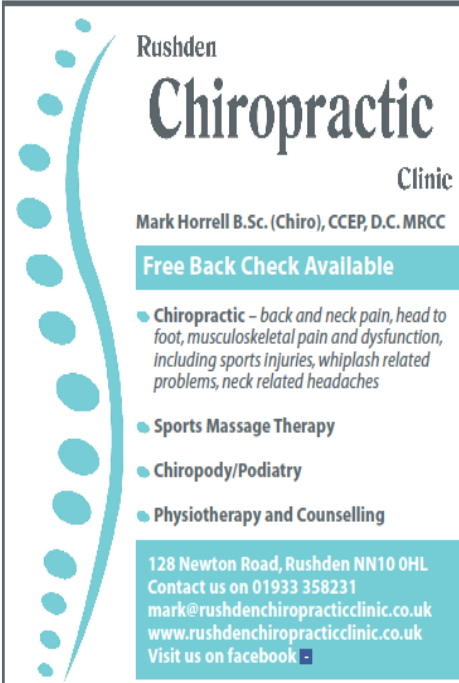
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**F**or the first time in a year I have news! The Horticultural Society held a virtual AGM on 10th March and made some decisions. You can read the minutes of the meeting elsewhere in this edition. We agreed that restrictions would prevent us from holding a traditional plant sale at the end of May but as an alternative we would offer plants for sale from tables outside three properties on The Highway, numbers, 27, 49 and 53. We will endeavour to have the plants labelled and priced and payment will be via honesty boxes. So venture out on Saturday 29th May between 2 and 4pm with plenty of change and see what you can find. I'll remind you in the next edition of Life.

With regret it was also decided that there was still too much uncertainty to risk holding the annual show at the end of August. We hope to return with a flourish in 2022. There are several local societies which have announced their intention to hold their shows so keen growers, flower arrangers, bakers and makers will have an opportunity to compete fairly locally should they feel the need.

It was such a treat to be even talking about events. We've become so accustomed to not making plans that it seems strange even to consider them.

Having said that, my plan for a wild flower meadow is taking shape. I've been clearing an area of turf ready for seeding. The packet allegedly holds sufficient seed for five square metres and calculating that area is taxing my rusty arithmetic skills but at least the ground is wet so the turf is relatively easy to remove. Whether any seed will germinate or survive bird attack is another matter.

I have also had spectacular success cleaning my patio with a pressure washer. Two things I hated about my house when I moved in 30 years ago were the bathroom and the patio. I replaced the bathroom about fourteen years ago and decided that it was time to deal with the patio. However trying to work out what I wanted in its place got me tied up in knots and I got all worried about wasting resources - what will happen to perfectly serviceable slabs when they get ripped up etc etc so why not try to clean up what I've got. Then I worried about toxic cleaning solutions. Eventually after unsuccessfully trying to engage a company to do the cleaning I bought a pressure washer. What a revelation! It just blasted away 30 years accumulation of muck - no chemicals needed. Every time I look outside I'm surprised and delighted!

There's been such a change in the last month with daffodils popping up everywhere, blossom emerging in the hedgerows, new leaves sprouting on roses. Organised people will have sown many of their vegetable and flower seeds by now. I suppose I

mean people with greenhouses who can ensure that their seedlings are protected but getting enough light. But there is plenty of time for the rest of us to get things going and to enjoy the magic of growing our own.

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**Thanks,  
Shaun & Rob**

## GREAT STAUGHTON VILLAGE BOOK CLUB

**O**ur book for February was 'The Seven Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle' by Stuart Turton. The Guardian reviewer summed it up perfectly when he said it was a cross between an Agatha Christie mystery and Quantum Leap. Aiden has seven days to work out who killed the socialite but with every twist and turn, his task becomes more dangerous.

This novel was a well-crafted murder mystery with a difference which I am not going to reveal here. It was a long read, and probably better read as a book rather than on a kindle so that it was easier to go back and reassess clues, but it was worth the effort to get to the end. I felt like my brain had been involved in a mental gymnastic routine which was probably much needed during these long Winter months in lockdown. Unlike an Agatha Christie novel, it didn't tie up all the loose ends but teased us with a number of possibilities. Those of us who managed to join the Zoom meeting enjoyed a lively discussion and probably could have discussed it longer if we had had the time.

If you would like to join our discussions, please contact

**Margaret Sare on  
01480 860963.**

## Book Club List 2021

**April:** Machines like me by Ian McEwan

**May:** A Thousand Ships by Natalie Haynes

**June:** A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles

**July:** The Day She Came Back by Amanda Prowse

**Aug:** The woman in the White Kimono - Ana Johns

**Sept:** The Dutch House by Ann Patchett

**Oct:** The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides

**Nov:** Lincoln in the Bardo by George Saunders



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## **An Update from our Tri-Village Meeting**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021, a day in history, our first Tri-Village meeting took place to discuss the future of heating in our three villages.

The UK plans to be Net-Zero Carbon by 2050, to achieve this national target, there will be many technology, policy and funding changes happen within the next few years. One of the headline changes proposed in the UK is the transition to post-oil and gas lifestyles. Plans to remove diesel and petrol car engines are already progressing, it is likely that gas and oil boilers will follow shortly! It has already been confirmed that there will be no new household connections to the gas grid from 2025.

The Parish Councils in Grafham, Great Staughton and Perry have commissioned a feasibility study, using a rural community energy fund grant, to look at a renewable heating alternative for our villages,

a heat network. The public workshop introduced the project team, the project aims and shared some information on what a heat network is, over sixty-nine people joined the workshop.

Attendees quizzed engineers Element Energy and community engagement specialist, LineUndrawn, asking over 25 questions about the potential project. Important questions included; what temperature could be delivered to radiators (A: 70c), what improvements to your home may be required (A; none), and what are the biggest challenges to the project (A: business case, community interest, getting grant funding!). There was also a lot of interest in the environmental pros and cons, we will tackle some of those issues in another public meeting which will share the results of the feasibility study also. All the content from the 1<sup>st</sup> Tri-Village meeting is available online, take a look at

[www.g0grafham.co.uk/documents/](http://www.g0grafham.co.uk/documents/)

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## From Barren Rocks to Living Stones

My first published book relates to a teenagers experiences in Aden (South Yemen) at a time of extreme terrorism and the British evacuation. Below is the 1<sup>st</sup> excerpt from the book.

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Outside there was a new commotion! It was an event that was to herald an importance to this particular family that was far more than they realised as the day began. A convoy of land rovers was seen racing down the road with clouds of dust and sand billowing from behind them, and pulling up just as quickly to a halt close to the house. Soldiers seemed to appear as if from nowhere jumping out of their vehicles and placing themselves in strategic positions around the square, rifles positioned ready for action as and when it should be required, eyes peeled and alert, looking as if everywhere at the same time..... They each knew the most important thing was their reliance upon each other and the position of their personal weapon, the 7.62mm SLR. Each man was covering for each other.....

Violet looked out. She had no idea what the men were there for, but with a motherly instinct she knew there were men with a tough exterior who within it all they were also young men in need of support. It was a hot roasting day in a land that was noted as being the hottest in the world, and the men were in the open with no protection from the elements. Violet called across to her 2 teenage children and gave them specific instructions, "Whatever you do you must not speak directly to the soldiers who are clearly under orders they dare not disobey. However, go to the sergeant and ask if we can provide cold drinks for the men". The sergeant paused for just a moment as he weighed up the options, and then agreed provided the men took turns in taking a glass from the tray.

As the drinks were shared another vehicle arrived on the scene. A soldier was driving with an officer beside him and another soldier on guard in the rear. This time the soldier was armed with a small stirling machine gun whilst the officer had a pistol. The officer alighted from the vehicle and marched across to his men, clipboard in hand. He cast a professional eye over them, and then asked the sergeant a few questions. Then with a determined look in his face he proceeded to the house where the three family members were sat on the verandah. Violet rose from her seat out of respect for the commissioned officer, and wondered what he may be wanting from them. They greeted each other and the officer then asked for confirmation as to who they were. Then came the bombshell as he said, "Madam, you have half an hour to gather together whatever you wish to take with you. A plane has been commandeered and this morning you will be leaving the country"

Half an hour to prepare to leave the country permanently! An impossible task, but it had to be done.

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The book can be obtained from Amazon as well as numerous other places online. It can also be ordered from any book shop, Covid rules permitting, by quoting ISBN-13: 978-1434381491 or ISBN-10: 1434381498. Or else contact the author locally on telephone number 01480 700810. The book is called "From Barren Rocks to Living Stones" written by Jon Magee

**An update from the Chair of Great Staughton Parish Council on the Affordable Housing Project**

The Planning process still continues. The application was made in October 2020. Chorus as the developers have still not received the draft planning determination and conditions. The Section 106 agreement has been sent to Chorus's solicitors but the detail has not been resolved. This is the process where the developer has to agree with the Council certain undertakings associated with the development. The most important of which will be the provision of affordable housing. It is regrettable that these delays now mean it is very unlikely a start on site can commence in March. The application reference is **20/01915/FUL**. Full details of the planning application can be found through the Staughton Parish Council website <http://greatstaughtonpc.org.uk/> and through the HDC planning portal. <https://publicaccess.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/online-applications/search.doc>

The process of finding a contractor has essentially been completed, but the contract with Aspen Homes cannot be concluded until the planning conditions are fully defined.

The lease documentation has been passed through the solicitors and it is planned that this will be signed in advance of all other matters and can then be exchanged when all parties are content.

There has been discussion on agreeing the process of applying for a property either for rent or shared ownership. Any applicant must

register on Homelink and ensure you have ticked the local connection box. Any applicant must decide if they are applying for shared ownership or for rent. There is no priority given to those who register early. The allocation of rented properties will not happen until 28 days before they are ready for occupation. This period will be considerably longer for shared ownership properties. Chorus have agreed to produce a draft process for circulation in the May magazine. There is also a requirement to name the new road on which the houses will stand. The final decision will be made by HDC but the Parish can make recommendations. I have listed below some that I have received. I have excluded any names that I know would be disallowed as they already exist locally.

- Orchard View
- Orchard Place
- Green View
- Dillington Way
- Parish Field
- St. Andrews Close
- Hope Close
- Juniper Close
- Graham Way
- Greenfields
- Sundial Close
- Or any other alternative name you wish to suggest.

Could I ask Parishioners to email/text me or message the Great Staughton Parish Council Facebook page with their preference. A selection of 3 names will then be presented to HDC.

Any queries please contact me.  
Bob Jewell  
[gtstaughtonparishchair@outlook.com](mailto:gtstaughtonparishchair@outlook.com)  
Or 07812725680

Hello everyone, the CLT committee submitted the name of Jewell Close for the name of the new road but Bob was too humble to put the name forward.

However, the committee strongly believe that without the imagination, drive and constant hard work from Bob Jewell this project would never have reached this stage. It is not only on this project that Bob's endeavours have benefitted our village. From his current role as Chair of the Parish Council through his historic efforts with the Village Hall and Cricket Club, to the new District Heating Scheme, Bob exemplifies community spirit.

For this reason the CLT committee would like you to also consider the name of Jewell close for this development.

Thank you.

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For further information please contact the clerk –

Mrs Eileen Gilbert  
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PE19 5DX

[hedgehog27@btinternet.com](mailto:hedgehog27@btinternet.com)

### **Neighbourhood Plan**

The Neighbourhood plan group has had its second meeting and is progressing the leaflet, surveys and planning requirements. There is a slight delay whilst funding is being sought and at the moment the process for 2021/22 has not yet been opened. Once this is permitted we will seek to obtain assurances on funding and then press ahead on the leaflet and residential and business surveys.

If anyone wants more information or wants to join the group, please let me know.

**Bob Jewell**  
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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PERRY  
PARISH COUNCIL**

**Remote Meeting via Zoom Held  
on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021 at  
7.30 pm**

**Present:**

Councillors Sheila Brighton (SB) Vice  
Chair; Councillor Emma Prew (EP);  
Councillor Jason Harper (JH). Kay Darby  
(KD) Clerk.

Four members of the public.

The meeting was opened by the Vice  
Chair, Sheila Brighton at 7.30 p.m.

**Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs. Nigel  
Noon, Ian Gardener, Darren Tysoe.

**Members Declaration of Interest on  
Agenda Items:** None.

**County/District Councillor Update:** IG  
was unable to attend the meeting and  
sent his report for the attention of the  
Meeting. The report covered reminders to  
everyone as to what they should do if they  
needed help during the pandemic and  
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There was also a link to obtain more  
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A copy of the above reports can be  
requested from the Clerk by emailing  
clerk@perry parishcouncil.org.uk.

**Public Forum on Agenda items:** None.  
**To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting  
held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December  
2020.** The Minutes were proposed for  
approval by EA and seconded by EP.

**To Approve the Minutes of the  
Extraordinary Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup>  
December 2020:** The Minutes were  
proposed by JH and seconded by EA.

**Matters Arising (not covered by  
Agenda Items):** None.

**Police Update:** None.

**Parish/Village Matters:**

**Perry in Bloom:** The three year period for  
this project will end at the end of this  
financial year. SB to investigate similar  
projects and report back at the next  
Council Meeting when a decision will be  
made on whether to continue with a  
similar project. JH will check the condition  
of the planters in the Village.

**Potential Sale of Perry Water Tower  
Site:** No update

**Parking:** A project feasibility study has  
been received from the Local Highways  
regarding the LHI applied for to enable a  
reduction in waiting time outside Perry  
shop and in the layby opposite. SB will  
attend the meeting to discuss the  
application on 24<sup>th</sup> February.

**Speeding in the Village:** A response is  
awaited from Highways regarding our  
request to help with speed reduction signs  
and incentives on entry to the village.

**Garage Sales:** No update.

**Playground4Perry:** No update.

**Work Parties:** on hold.

**Overhanging trees and vegetation on  
footpaths:** No update.

**Community Heat Scheme:** EP reported  
that the kick-off meeting for this will be 1<sup>st</sup>  
March. This is a tri-village workshop with  
Janet Hall leading the meeting,  
representatives from Element Energy and  
the Heat Scheme group will be attending.  
This is an open meeting and anyone can  
book a ticket by following this link: [https://  
www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/g0-heating-  
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The meeting will begin at 7.30 pm. EP informed the meeting that the contracts with Element Energy are still be finalised. JH enquired about a project management work/payment sheet. EP to enquire about this.

### **Luton Airport Stacking**

**Consultation:** SB complimented the ALAS group on the signage they have produced for this consultation. JH reported that the campaign was strong, HDC and a number of MP's were opposed to the proposal. The submission prepared by ALAS on behalf of the Parish Council would be submitted this week. Drafts of this would be sent out to Councillors prior to submission. Friday 5th February is the closing date for all submissions. A meeting of the ALAS group would be held in a couple of weeks to discuss the lessons learned from this project and all information will be forwarded to the Parish Council.

**Solar Array:** A response was finally received from HDC regarding our objections to this array and it would appear that an application for a Certificate of Lawful Development to place 70 sets of 20 panels across 0.75 ha has been applied for under application ref: 20/02342/CLPD. This is different to a planning application but should anyone wish to comment on this, you may do so by following the above reference number on Huntingdonshire District Council's planning website. Notification of this application is to be put out on our social media sites to ensure everyone is aware of it and should they wish to comment to HDC with the above reference number may do so. Comments must be made before 16 February 2021. The Parish council will again email their comments to HDC.

**Clerk's Report:** It is with regret that I have made the decision to resign from my post as Clerk to Perry Parish Council. I have enjoyed my time working with all the Councillors and would like to wish them the very best for the future. Up to date accounts have been sent out to all

Councillors.

**Correspondence received:** 1. Email from David Wheatley re tree pruning: address to be kept. 2. Flood information email for attention of all Councillors. 3. Land registry survey, to be completed by Clerk. 4. Email from Resources, Huntingdonshire District Council re: land adjacent to 26 Roundhouse Drive: A request has been made by an individual to purchase the parcel of land at Roundhouse Drive and we have been asked to comment on this proposal. Concern was raised by local residents on hearing this and the matter will be looked into by the Parish Council. Clerk to notify HDC of this. 5. Email from resident regarding a fall in Roundhouse Drive. Clerk to respond.

**Finance and Legal Matters:** To agree payments for sanction:

Clerk's salary January £384.95

HMRC tax £72.40

Leaflets and posters for ALAS £134.74

Cost of leaflet bin £24.84

Community Heat Scheme website costs £287.51

ICO data protection fee (dd) £35.00

**Proposed SB seconded EP**

**Amounts agreed to be paid prior to this meeting:**

Clerk's salary December £405.38

Office Depot, shredder £154.80

HMRC £77.40

Cambridgeshire ACRE membership £57.00

SLCC membership £112.00

Postage stamps £18.24

**Proposed JH seconded EA**

Previous discussions were confirmed and it was proposed by EP and seconded by JH that we purchase an A3 laminator – cost £109.99 plus VAT

Life & Diaries magazine had written to the Parish Council with a request that we increase our S137 donation to them this year to help the current deficit. It was proposed by JH that we increase the payment to £850 and seconded by EP. Clerk to write to Helen Glanville to confirm our decision and ask what other plans

they have to make up the current deficit.

**Meetings Attended:** The regular Community Heat Scheme meetings are still running every Friday

**Planning Applications:** 8 East Perry, large elm reduction. The Councillors had no comments on this proposal.

**Neighbourhood Watch:** no update.

**Village Plan:** A new Village Plan was discussed and EP agreed to find out which Company Grafham had used to produce their plan. How much interest residents have in producing a new Village plan is also to be checked and then the matter can be discussed in more depth. What funding is available should also to be checked

**Matters for the next meeting** to be held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 3rd February via Zoom: Village plan, Handyman's contract.

**The meeting closed at 21.18**

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### **Perry in Bloom – 'Grants for Plants 2021'**

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Mrs Janet Perrett, 38, Beachampstead Road, Gt. St. 860703

*Dear Friends,*

**A**fter the resurrection Jesus appeared to two disciples as they walked back to Emmaus. I want you to put yourselves in their position. A week earlier they had travelled to Jerusalem full of hope and expectation, convinced that the man they had followed with love and devotion was about to take up his throne and rule among them. But the reality was so different because instead of being crowned king, Jesus was crucified, and with that their hopes were dashed. Everything they had hoped for, believed in, worked towards and longed for had disappeared. What could the future hold for them or anyone else?

What meaning could there be in life when God had seemingly abandoned them? No doubt they asked these questions to the stranger who joined them on their journey as they talked to him and explained the events that had occurred. It was only when they stopped and broke bread together that they realised who Jesus was and as he disappeared everything began to make sense. They were on a journey, not just to Emmaus but to answer the call to follow Christ. I am sure that you have felt that despair at times through lockdown and many things that you cherish have been out of reach. I think now we can see hope on the horizon as many of us have been vaccinated, and with the gentle reminder that life's true meaning lies beyond this world.

Spring along with Easter gives us hope, and as we emerge out of lockdown we can begin to resume our lives. I am hoping that on Easter Day we will be able to join together in communion at Church, breaking bread together in fellowship with one another and with Christ, celebrating the joyful message of Easter Day, that Jesus is alive, Alleluia .

Prayer by John Cox

Risen and living Lord,  
Who entered glory only by the path of suffering,  
Help us to trust in the mystery of your passion and resurrection,  
That in serving you  
We may be strengthened in times of hardship  
And sustained through the darkness of doubt.  
Travel with us in the way,  
And may we know your presence in the breaking of bread. Amen

Wishing you all a very happy Easter.

*With love and prayers,  
Revd Nicki Bland*

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# **CHURCH SERVICES**

## **Services for April 2021**

Apart from Easter Day, all services will remain on Zoom apart from Little Staughton at 9.00am on the third Sunday of the month. This service will be held at All Saints Church.

On Easter Day there is a service from each church but if you prefer to join via zoom the service will be zoomed at 10.00am from St Andrew's Church.

Zoom ID 4184055563

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All on Zoom

Sunday March 28th 10.00 am Palm Sunday Parish Communion

Monday March 29th 7.00 pm Compline for Holy Week

Tuesday March 30th 7.00 pm Compline for Holy Week

Wednesday March 31st 7.00 pm Compline for Holy Week

Thursday April 1st Maundy Thursday 7.00pm Parish Communion  
zoomed from St Andrew's with stripping of the Altar

Friday April 2nd Good Friday 2.00 Meditation an hour at the cross

Sunday April 4th Easter Day 10.00 am zoomed from St Andrew's  
Church

Sunday April 11th 10.00 am Parish Communion

Sunday April 18th 10.00 am Parish Communion

3.00 Creative Communion

Sunday April 25th 10.00 am Benefice communion

St Andrew's Great Staughton

Sunday April 4th Easter Day 10.00 am Parish Communion

All Saints' Little Staughton

Sunday April 4th Easter Day 9.00 am Parish Communion

Sunday April 18th 9.00 am Parish Communion

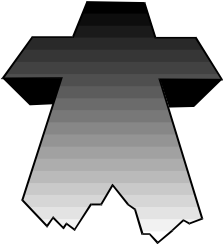
St Nicolas Hail Weston

Sunday April 4th Easter Day 3.00 pm Parish Communion

# COLOUR ME IN!



**Happy Easter**



## Perry Baptist Church

Secretary Tony Whitlock 01480 810906

Minister: Rev Jon Magee 01480 700810

Services each week at 10:30am in the church  
Services also available on our website and Facebook page  
[www.perrybaptist.org.uk](http://www.perrybaptist.org.uk)

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*My dear friends,*

It's Easter! The time when we remember Gods message of new life, new hope. My guess is that for many of us we will have been wondering when life of any kind will begin again. We have had a whole year in which there has just been one topic of conversation, the Covid pandemic. When will it end? No one seems to know. We just take each day as it comes and we hope.

The disciples also felt like all hope was gone when Jesus died on the cross. Jesus was the one that seemed to be the promise of all that they needed. They shared so much together as they travelled around those dusty roads of Galilee. Then came that awful weekend. Jesus was arrested, put on trial and then he was nailed to the cross. Could it get any worse? They saw him in all his agony and pain. This must be the end, they thought, as his body was claimed by Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea and laid him in a borrowed tomb.

On the third day the disciples made their way to the tomb to be greeted with the words "He is not here; he has risen!" (Luke 24:6-7:) The resurrection had arrived! New hope when all seemed hopeless. Jesus is still alive today and his message for us is "there is hope". Whatever we experience we do not face alone. Trust Jesus as Saviour and Lord

and know his presence in all that transpires.

We hope soon that you will be able to join us in the church building but till that day arrives you are welcome to join us online on facebook and youtube. For those with the internet facility check the church out at  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxdghslFLULGCblekWCQ4pg>

You are all welcome to join us at any time through these means.

As the Perry Village Pastor I am available for you all. Please call me or email [perrybaptistpastor@gmail.com](mailto:perrybaptistpastor@gmail.com)

*Love and blessings to you all  
from the Perry Village Pastor*

*Jon Magee*

**Clubs & Activities :**

**Telephone Prefix: 01480**

Great Staughton W.I.....Margaret Sare: 860963  
 Perry WI: .....Liz Dive: 811636  
 West Hunts Friendship Club.....Vikki Morgan: 07561 108267  
 (Mondays 10:00am - 3:00pm Gt. Staughton Village Hall) Phil Yates: 860616  
 St. Andrew's Church Bell Ringers (Mondays 7.30).....David Cope: 869322  
 Perry Friendship Circle..... Cilla Whitlock: 810906  
 Great Staughton Book Club.....Margaret Sare: 860963  
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 Rotary Club: Kimbolton Castle.....Phil Howard: 861201

**CHILDREN'S CLUBS/SCHOOLS**

Gt. Staughton Brownies/Rainbow Guides/Guides.: Go to:  
 enquiryym.girlguiding.org.uk and register your interest.  
 Gt. Staughton Primary Academy.....Head Teacher's Office: 860324  
 Gt Staughton Youth Club.....gsync2014@gmail.com  
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 Piglets Pre-School.....Suzanne Worrall: 07759 382575  
**Great Staughton Family Playtime.....manager@pigletspreschool.org.uk**  
*Every Friday during term time 9-10.30am at St Andrews Church, Gt Staughton*

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 Village Hall .....Vicky Goldsmith: 860005 / 07739 469243  
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**Buckden Surgery: 810 216**

**Kimbolton Surgery: 860 205**  
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**NHS NON-EMERGENCY: 111**

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**0800 279 2535**

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We hold drop-in Hearing Help sessions for basic maintenance of NHS hearing aids, cleaning and re-tubing of hearing aids, supplying free replacement batteries and offer free advice. No appointment is necessary.

**The Surgery, 57 The Highway, Great Staughton, PE19 5DY.**

**Every 3 months: June 5, September 4, December 4 2019 - 2.00pm – 4.00pm.**

**DISABILITY CAMBRIDGESHIRE.    [www.disabilitycambridgeshire.org.uk](http://www.disabilitycambridgeshire.org.uk)**

Adviceline: 01223 569 600—charity for disabled/older people and carers in Cambridgeshire. Provides free, confidential and impartial information and advice on disability and access issues.

**Email: [info@disability-cambridgeshire.org.uk](mailto:info@disability-cambridgeshire.org.uk)**

**THE LIBRARY AT HOME SERVICE : (formerly THE DOORSTEP SERVICE)**

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