

The Net

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A magazine for the Gauzebrook Area
Alderton, Easton Grey, Foxley, Hullavington,
Luckington, Norton, Sherston and Stanton St. Quintin

Building communities of wholeness with Jesus at the centre.



St Mary's



All Saints'



St Giles



James Cameron, the film director who famously took longer to tell the story of the 'Titanic' than it took for the actual ship to sink, courted some controversy recently with his 'discovery' of the bones of Jesus, Joseph and Mary in a stone box.

Such a claim made headlines around the world, of course, and ensured that the documentary he has made sold well. Where else could it be shown in the UK than on Channel Four, home of Big Brother and other quality programmes.

We are repeatedly told we live in a secular age, but it is an age that retains a fascination both with religion and also the life of Jesus. Sadly, however, much of the emphasis seems to be on trying to disprove the truth of the Gospels as the popularity of such things as the 'Da Vinci Code' and the 'Holy Blood and the Holy Grail' stories show.

Let's start with the box. It was an ossuary, a stone box in which the bones of the deceased were stored after the flesh and rotted away so that the tomb might be reused. Joseph, Mary and Jesus (Joshua in Hebrew) were extremely common names in first century Israel. It could be like finding a box with the name 'Smith' on it.

What about the discovery of an 'empty tomb'. This has led to the speculation that Jesus survived crucifixion. Quite impossible, as the Roman soldiers would have been killed themselves if the person on the cross survived. Also, Jesus was stabbed with a spear, the usual check for death.

The tomb was empty because Jesus had been raised from the dead. This belief, based on the eye witness accounts of those who knew Jesus is the cornerstone of the Christian faith. No amount of clever writing or hopeful speculation changes this fact. Through God's awesome power, Jesus conquered death and gave us all hope of eternal life. He is Risen! Allelulia!

Andrew Evans, Rector

AMAZING GRACE

The epic new film about William Wilberforce and his heroic campaign to end slavery is on General Release from March 23rd.

It is currently on at the Empire Cinema in Swindon (formerly cineworld), - an EXCELLENT and thought provoking film.



**EASTER
SERVICES
AND
FUN
ACTIVITIES**



See inside pages for full information

DIARY DATE

St Mary Magdalene, Hullavington

CHURCH FETE

Saturday 9th June 2pm
in the garden of Court House

Details to follow

GOLDENTHREADS

WEDNESDAY 25TH APRIL
FROM 2.00P.M.

IN HULLAVINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Our thanks to Furry Tails, your local pet suppliers of Chippenham and Cirencester who have extended their sponsorship of The Net. Tel 01249 444332, 01285 650444 or 01225 775375

ST. GILES LIVING CHURCHYARD PROJECT

Practical work session Sat. 21st April 09.30-12.00. Come along and see how many flower species have turned up this year. You can also help out for a while. Refreshments available.



Also on Saturday 21st April 2.00 p.m. we will be joining Wiltshire Wildlife Trust for a guided walk around local woodland, Stanton Park. We will see early woodland flower specialities, fungi and warblers. Starting from car park on Kington St. Michael road.

For any further information contact Ivan Randall 01249 657684 or Liz Cullen 01666 837921.



Sherston has an active branch of the Mothers Union which meets in Sherston Church once a month at 7pm on a Thursday. They welcome any visitors.

The meeting planned for April is: April 19th Visit of Helen Hyatt to speak about Hong Kong. For further information please contact Pat Whitehouse on 840640

Coffee at Serendipity

Every Friday morning at 10.00a.m. during April including Good Friday



Deuteronomy youth group meets twice a month on Wednesday evenings. For more information ring Clare on 01666 837249

Table Top Sale

Hullavington Village Hall

Saturday 14th April, 2pm until 5pm

Free Admission *** Refreshments *** Bargains

Contact Yvonne on 01666 838098 for information

GOSPEL ANAGRAMS

Solve the anagram and find the Gospel reference

eg: slegtine	Gentiles	Matthew 20 : 19
rachnioz		Matthew
amastrain		John
moboredrig		Mark
badmainma		Luke
masoil		John

Answers next month

Answers to March anagrams

harchiaze	Zecharia	Luke 1 : 5
etriselai	Israelite	John 1 : 47
trisioca	Iscaiot	Matthew 12 : 4
dumrats	mustard	Mark 4 : 31
dairyven	vineyard	Matthew 20 : 1

Services in April

Hullavington

1st 6.00pm PALM SUNDAY Evensong
 8th 11.am EASTER DAY Holy Communion
 15th. 4.00pm Evening Priase
 22nd 4.00pm All Age Family
 29th 10.30am UB service at Stanton

Norton

1st. 9.30am PALM SUNDAY Holy communion
 8th. 6.00pm EASTER DAY Holy Communion

Stanton St Quintin

1st. 11.00am PALM SUNDAY Morning Praise
 8th. 9.30am EASTER DAY Holy Communion
 15th 9.30am Holy Communion

Alderton

1st. 8.30am PALM SUNDAY Holy Communion
 8th. 10.00am EASTER DAY Family Service

Easton Grey

1st. 9.00am PALM SUNDAY Mattins
 8th 9.00am EASTER DAY Holy Communion

Foxley

8th. 11.00am EASTER DAY Holy Communion
 22nd 9.30am Family Service

Luckington

1st 11.00am PALM SUNDAY Family Communion
 8th. 11.00am EASTER DAY Holy Communion
 15th 11.00am Family Service
 22nd 11.00am Holy Communion
 29th. 11.00am Holy Communion

Sherston

Each Sunday the Services are at the following times:

8.00am Holy Communion
 9.30am Sung Eucharist,
 6.00pm Evensong

GOOD FRIDAY ACTIVITIES

For children and young people
 in Stanton Church Hall 9.30 till
 12.00

LOTS TO MAKE AND DO
 AND SEE AND EAT AND
 DRINK AND SHARE

Why don't YOU join us?



SPECIAL SERVICES

Hullavington:

Tuesday 3rd COMPLINE 9.00pm
 GOOD FRIDAY 'The Final Hour' 2.00pm

Stanton:

Thursday 5th. **Last Supper meal** in the
 Church Hall 6.15pm followed by
 Holy Communion at St Giles at 8.00pm..