

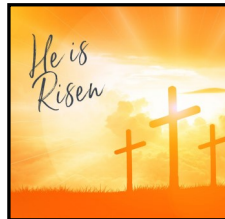
Whitton Times Easter 2023



Church in Community

“Welcome to Whitton Times, a blend of Church and Community, a magazine from us to you”. We hope you’ll find it helpful .

Welcome to the Easter edition of Whitton Times from St Mary and St Botolph Church. As a church community Easter is the most important time of the year for us. It is the time when we remember the death and resurrection of Jesus and with that, we recall the promise of eternal life that this event some 2000 years ago means for us today. That eternal life is life beyond this life but is also about this life here on earth today. One of the things Jesus said was that he had come to live among us, to die and rise again so that we might have life and have it in abundance.



Having life now means being able to live that life with joy, and hope which is easy to say but in these challenging times much harder for many people to do. So, part of what we as Christians are called to do is to share God’s love in the world by our actions and, as Jesus came to serve not to be served, we too are called to serve our community.

Some of the ways we do this are via our ‘Top Up Shop’ on a Wednesday morning where we are fortunate to be able to provide food to ‘top up’ the larder for those who are struggling to make ends meet at the moment. For £2 a shop costing approx. £35 can be made, supplementing what people can buy elsewhere. We have funding so that Peter Watson from “Christians Against Poverty” can spend Wednesday mornings with us to support people to become debt free and to run the CAP Money Course helping us all to make the most of the money we have. He will also be working in local schools teaching money skills to children.

As a Christian family we pray for our community daily, so as you read this know that you will be prayed for, as we pray intentionally for each road in our parish through each month. We pray for the needs of the world and these are significant at this time, for peace, for stability, for our leaders to lead with wisdom, justice and courage and for an end to poverty and violence.

As we seek to turn our faith into action we meet each Sunday to praise God, be fed by His words in the Bible, by the bread and wine as we remember the ‘Last Supper’, and by song and fellowship to go out into the world again to show his love in action. Why not join us. EVERYONE is welcome here young, old, in between, LGBTQ+, rich and poor. We are all made in God’s image and all are welcome at His table.

Reverend Mary



The Top Up Shop is **open to everyone**. There are **no questions asked** (apart from contact number and post code in case of product recall). There are no criteria to fulfil. If you need food or just need to top up your food supplies, please come and see us. The cost is £2 for a recyclable bag. Each week we have a good choice of goods and always fresh fruit and vegetables. **We are open from**

11.30am to 12.30pm every Wednesday in the Church Hall, Whitton Church Lane. Coffee and cake are available in the church from 10.00am. You can be assured of a warm welcome. We look forward to seeing you.

‘The Missing Christ’

The tomb is empty
The Christ is missing
Where is He?
Where can He be?
Where has He gone?
Has someone taken Him?

Jesus Christ!
What has happened?

Once He walked and talked,
Shared a meal
Went fishing
Healed the sick
Fed the hungry
Taught and told stories
Laughed and cried.
Then.....betrayed
Crucified
And laid to rest in a borrowed tomb
God’s own Son,
And now.....
His is missing!!?

BUT

Do you not know
Do you not realise
That the missing Christ
Is more real, more alive
If only we know where to look.
Go find, go find.

His is as close as the breath we breathe.
He is the cry of a hungry child.
He is the cold shop doorway.
He is in the last breath of a drowning
migrant.

He is in the giving at the local food bank.
He is in the shelter of social housing.
He is in the mercy of a rescue boat.

He can be found.
Go find, go find.

He is in every sunrise.
He is on every mountain.
He is in every springtime and harvest.
He is in every sunshine and shower.
He is in every wayside flower.
He is in every storm and tempest.
He is in every unmarked small act of
kindness.

AND

Best of all
He is in every heart
In your heart
Waiting to be found.
Listen for your name
Listen and look.
He is right here
Waiting to be found.

He is waiting for you to discover Him
He already knows you and loves you.
Go seek!
And find the Source of all being.

Anne Munday—(Based on a sermon by
the Rev. Vaughan Tong.)



You Are Warmly Invited to all our Holy Week and Easter Services

All at St Mary & St Botolphs Church, Whitton Church Lane.

Palm Sunday—2nd April—10am All Together Church

**Monday—Wednesday—3rd-5th April —7.30pm—Short service of
Reflection for Holy Week**



Maundy Thursday—6th April—8pm. Commemoration of Last Supper & Vigil

Good Friday—7th April—2pm—The Last Hour of the Cross

Easter Sunday—9th April— 8am—Said Eucharist

8.30am—Breakfast—followed by our 9.45am— Easter Festival Service



(Names to—events@whittonparish.co.uk—for catering purposes!)

All Together Church

**A New Service where we can ALL celebrate God's Love together,
a place where there is a place for everyone.**

A place to belong , believe, praise and experience God's love

First Sunday of every month at 10am for 45 minutes



We would love to welcome you to join us at this new service
where a warm welcome awaits.

We find hope, joy, peace and support in our faith and the friendship we enjoy and
long to share that with you.

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Along with the warm welcome songs and stories
you will find friendly chats over refreshments.

Do come along the first Sunday of each month at
St Mary and St Botolph Church Whitton Church Lane IP1 6LT



A Fish recipe for Good Friday

Firstly, why do we eat fish on Good Friday?

For centuries, Christians have abstained from eating meat on Good Friday because Jesus was executed on Good Friday, sacrificing himself (his flesh) for us.

Today many people, whether religious or not, choose to eat fish instead of meat on this day. Since fish are cold blooded, their meat is thought to be different from the meat of warm-blooded animals.

Fish also have Christian connotations having been used as a secret symbol by Christians to identify each other when their religion was temporarily banned.

Many of Jesus Christ's followers were fisherman.

This is my favourite, quick and easy fish pie recipe. It has to be easy for me to do!

Crunchy topped Fish Bake

4 fillets of fish (this can be all white – or a mixture ie white, smoked haddock, salmon, prawns - anything works!)

10 oz tin condensed mushroom soup (if you don't like mushrooms a white or parsley sauce is as good)

4 oz grated cheese (optional – if you're trying to save money and cut down on calories!)

2 oz butter

½ a small onion, diced very small or grated

Dash Worcestershire sauce & dash garlic salt or puree

2 bags of crisps

Cut fish into chunks and place in greased ovenproof dish. Spread with soup/sauce. Top with cheese (if desired).

Melt butter in small saucepan, add onion, Worcestershire sauce, garlic salt/puree and mix well. Add crushed crisps and mix again.

Spread mixture on top of fish and bake in centre of oven at 350F, Gas mark 4 for about 30-35 mins.

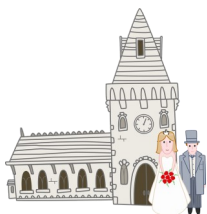
Serve with vegetables of choice. 😊

**If you are interested in
Baptism please contact
Angela Parobij on**

01473 251980

**Or for Marriage contact
Angela Marjoram on**

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Community Network Lunch

It became apparent to Mary during 2021, when working with a number of organisations and individuals involved in all aspects of social care, that they didn't all know what services each other can provide. She invited everyone she was aware of, to come to our Parish Church for a couple of hours, so they could find out more, over tea, coffee and cake. They come from professional, voluntary and charitable bodies and cover all ages and needs. It proved so beneficial that we have continued to grow and now meet every other month.

Ladies Breakfast

In the autumn of 2019 we started meeting on 3rd Saturday of each month, in our church at 9.00am for around an hour, to enjoy a Continental breakfast. Unfortunately Covid stopped it for nearly two years but we restarted last year. We have croissants, toast, teacakes, and, so we can kid ourselves we're being healthy, fresh fruit! We all make a donation and in February we were delighted to invite Sarah Stapleton, from Family First, to give us a talk about their work with families. We also gave her a donation of £100, making them the first of many charities we will support.

Whilst the weather is still quite chilly why not try this Easy and Cheap Tomato Soup!

Ingredients

2 x 400g tins chopped tomatoes

1 x 400g tin sliced carrots

2 pickled onions or half a chopped onion

1 x 415g tin baked beans

2 vegetable Oxo cubes

Optional, any herbs or seasonings
you fancy

Method

Put all the ingredients in a large saucepan and heat thoroughly, don't boil. Blend everything together using a blender, masher or fork. An electric whisk could be messy. If you have a soup maker just put everything in it and switch on.

Makes about 3 pints/1½litres.

Freezes well.

For tasty meals, under £1.00 per person try;

Jamieoliver.com/budget-friendly-recipes.

**Mums and Tots every Wednesday in Term time at
1.15 until 3pm @ Whitton Church Hall,
Whitton Church Lane.**

Next term begins Wed 19th April

Enquiries please phone Bridget 01473 286663

Or Angela 01473 251980



FAMILY FIRST
Supporting families through change

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Phone:- 0300 7727715

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Present their

Summer Production "The Wizard of Oz"

Saturday 8th July at 7pm

And Sunday 9th July at 2pm

at Whitton Parish Church Hall, Whitton Church Lane.

Tickets Adult £3 Child £1



-IS A FREE Singing and Drama Group for
KS2 children!



Sessions run on **Mondays** during term time

3.30pm-4.30pm.

At **The Ascension Church, Larchcroft Road**

For more information contact **Becky** on 07878289197



Look out for Mary & Maureen
around the parish!
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Summer Fayre

Saturday 10th June—

10am—12 noon

@ the Ascension Church Larchcroft Rd

Tombola's Cakes BBQ

Raffle Refreshments

Come and join the fun!



Christmas Quiz—answers!!

What is the name of the snowman in the Disney film Frozen? **OLAF**

True or False: There are 3 towns/cities in the USA named Santa Claus? **TRUE—IN**

GEORGIA, INDIANA & ARIZONA

The lyrics, "Holidays are coming," feature in Christmas adverts for which drinks company? **COCA-COLA**

In which country is Father Christmas known as Weihnachtsmann? **GERMANY**

Where does Santa live? **THE NORTH POLE**

True or False: In Japan millions of people eat KFC for their Christmas meal? **TRUE**

Santa Claus is known as Saint who? **NICHOLAS**

True or False: As a family tradition in Sweden, millions of people settle down to watch Donald Duck on Christmas Eve? **TRUE**

Tradition has it that in order to bring good luck, people should do what on each of the 12 Days of Christmas— A) Eat a mince pie B) Open a present

C) Pull a cracker **A—EAT A MINCE PIE**

What is the name of the lead character in the movie ELF?

A) Ronald the Reindeer B) Alfie the Elf C) Buddy the Elf **C—BUDDY THE ELF**

How many points does a snowflake have? **SIX**

In the Simpsons, who or what is called Santa's Little Helper? **THE DOG**

What is the name of the evergreen plant that it's traditional to kiss under?

MISTLETOE

What is the name of the 24 days leading up to Christmas? **ADVENT**

What is lucky to find in your Christmas Pudding? **A SIXPENCE**

Who were the first people to visit baby Jesus? A) Shepherds B) Three Kings

C) Three Queens **A—SHEPHERDS**

Which reindeer is said to be the most famous reindeer of all? **RUDOLPH**

Which popular Christmas movie is about a young boy who takes a train ride to the North Pole? **THE POLAR EXPRESS**

Who stole Christmas? **THE GRINCH**

Usual services at St Mary & St Botolph & the Ascension Churches

Sundays -

1st in month 10 am—All Together Church

Not livestreamed

2nd - 4th in month—9.30am—Eucharist

All at St Mary & St Botolph,

Whitton Church Lane. These are livestreamed

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/>



Wednesday 10am—Eucharist at the
Ascension, Larchcroft Road

Every night at 9pm—

Short service of Compline at

"Parish of Whitton" Facebook page.

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Many have found us on 'Facebook Live' for Sunday services and for 9pm Compline each evening. If you would like to know more or simply make contact, please either use the 'messenger' facility or email: marysokanovic@outlook.com

