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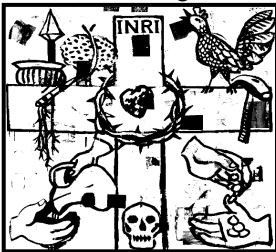
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Pastoral Letter from Revd. Louise Corke

Easter is different to Christmas. The food is different, the weather is supposed to be different, there is less marketing build-up, no annoying musical jingles in the shops and it isn't all over in a day. The Church encourages Christians pay attention to the days and events leading up to, and following, Easter and to make it a personal journey of reflection.

Thursday: Jesus celebrated Passover, which is all about God's rescue, with his friends. He makes the Passover symbols very personal. 'this is my body... this is my blood... when you do this remember me.' So on Thursday evening Christians often gather for some sort of meal, nearly always with bread and wine. Thursday is about Judas too; this is also a day for revisiting places of betrayal with its emotion and injustice. It's worth lingering today with our experiences of disloyalty, to reflect on them and bring our responses to God.



Picture by Wayne Forte

Friday: Jesus endures the further injustice of an impromptu trial, along with being a pawn in power struggles. This is a day to manage fear, to observe pain, to watch isolation, to experience helplessness and darkness in the face of violence. Yet along this most painful way, we also have snapshots of dignity or compassion as Jesus is forced towards death on a cross; there are people who even on this day are the

richer for having talked with Jesus, who are encouraged to hope. And at mid-afternoon when Jesus died, we recognise again that he gave up his spirit, but he hadn't given up. On Friday some Churches remove all the bright items and ornaments; they take all away in an expression of loss and mourning. They make spaces for silence, trying not to move too quickly towards the end of this story, but to see the price of unconditional love. Jesus, risk-taker, convention-breaker, pain-sharer, is now also our sin-bearer.

Saturday: Nothing happens on Saturday; it is the Jewish day of rest. In the tomb, what is left of Jesus is a human body, without all the vibrant

life of miracles and teaching and encounter. No miracles here; this is a day of being dead. There is nothing we can do to speed events up and we have to wait. To be able to do nothing is also part of the journey. Some Christians like to make Saturday quiet if at all possible, to get that sense of waiting.

Sunday: Some will creep out of bed early on this day to mark at dawn the miracle of an empty tomb. Here we have a huge departure from everything we knew about life and death. No wonder there was disbelief in the disciples. No wonder they greet the news that Jesus is alive with complete bemusement, misunderstanding or disbelief. With this Sunday, we have to rewrite the script; no longer does death have the last word and the final claim on us. So in all the celebrations Christians will make on this Easter Sunday, there will be laughter, renewed hope and the promise of life in places of death, whatever our experiences. Richard W. Swanson *once said*, the task on Easter (which is every Sunday for an Easter-based faith) is to tell stories about resurrection in a world where everyone dies.'

This is the journey of Easter, and it is so important that the Church will spend the next seven weeks celebrating and embracing the impact it has on our own lives and faith.

Louise Corke

Team Parish News

Resources to help you mark this Easter weekend:

All age Easter event at St. P&J Ratby on 2nd April, all morning.
Christ in the Centre, on 2nd April starting at 10am in St. Peter's Square, Highcross.

<http://www.rejesus.co.uk/site/category/seasonal/> has a large and varied selection of insights and information to get you thinking.

Parish Walk and AGM on 25th April. The walk will start in Ratby at 2pm, and will take the usual route through Martinshaw Woods, over the A50, through Lady Hay Wood (hopefully with some bluebells) and on to Newtown Linford, where we will have tea. At approximately 4pm, we will gather in All Saints for our Parish AGM, some worship and prayer.

Anne's institution at Belper is on Thurs 22nd April. Whether or not you are going to that service, please pray for her and for the early days in this new post.

VILLAGE DIARY

April

7th Flower Club
10th Ramblers
19th Parish Council Meeting
20th Fellowship & Welcome Club
23rd Safari Supper
23rd Ulverscroft Grange Springtime
25th Parish Walk
27th Gardening Club

May

13-15th Love Begins at 50—Bradgate Drama Society
26th Spring Outing to Tissington Well Dressings

Regular events

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|----------------------------------|--|
| 1st Sunday in the Month | Sunday School - 11am |
| Sunday Evenings at The Linford - | 7-10.30pm Lady Jane Grey Club for single people |
| Last Tuesday of the month | Gardening Club |
| Thursdays am | Toddlers Group |
| 3rd Thursday | Gentlemen's Lunch Club |



ALL SAINT'S FELLOWSHIP AND WELCOME CLUB.

**Tuesday 20th April
At 2.30pm**

Mrs Brenda Woodings will be our speaker this month with this thought provoking title

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Newtown Linford Gardening Club

One of our finest and most entertaining speakers came to the Village Hall in February. Scented Pelargoniums was the subject of Brian White's talk, but he ranged far and wide with humorous stories of his life and travels and kept a packed hall in stitches all evening. We even went away with a wide range of plants which he had brought for sale.

The meeting on the 27th April is a trip all the way to Anstey – to Brookside Nurseries where Steve Budding will give a demonstration and talk about container gardening. There will also be a supper provided at the end of the evening. The cost of this visit is £5 to members and £6 to visitors. Please let us know whether you wish to go and we will be pleased to welcome any non-members who would like to join us on this occasion. We travel there under our own steam, but anyone who needs a lift should contact us and let us know.

We are organising a trip to Wisley, the headquarters of the Royal Horticultural Society on Tuesday 11th May. A coach will be going from Newtown Linford and we will be delighted to welcome guests to join us on the trip. Further details will be available in due course, but anyone who wishes to join us may contact the Secretary at any time.

We are always pleased to welcome new faces either as visitors or members. If you wish to become a member, please contact the Secretary (tel. 242452), or come to one of our meetings to see how you like it before making a commitment (£2 for visitors).

Anne and David Couling



Photo: Glenis with her sister Hazel and husband enjoying the sun on a 2009 outing to Coton Manor in Northamptonshire.

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Bradgate Flower Club

The sun is shining, reminiscent of the fabulous display of arrangements created before our very eyes at our Meeting on 3rd March by Carol Middleton. Entitled 'Springtime Splendour', Carol talked us through several beautiful pieces, and I was lucky enough to win one of them in the raffle at the end of the night!

In our coming Meeting on 7th April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, we are greatly anticipating 'Fresh Ideas' by Jamie Ryder of Solihull, and it promises to be, once again, a fabulous display!

We hope to see you there, as visitors are very welcome to join us. The cost is £4 on the door. Feel free to email me for further details at
beadj101@googlemail.com



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Great British Fish and Chip Supper – Friday 21st May 2010

Want to do something different? Want to raise money where you live or work? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 21st May 2010 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting SIA's information and support services.

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Newtown Linford Village Hall Committee Senior Citizens Spring Outing

After a hugely successful Christmas Lunch the Village Hall Committee have decided to organise a Spring Outing as Follows

Tissington Well Dressing Wednesday 26th May 2010

Tissington is one of the prettiest villages in the Peak District and is famous for its well-dressing. Garlands of flowers were hung up as a thanksgiving as the wells didn't run dry during the severe drought of 1615.

The idea spread to other villages and in the 19th century became much more elaborate. Complicated pictures are made by piercing boards with holes and studded with nails to key the clay then finished with an art form called 'petalling'. There are five wells in the village beautifully decorated. Further information of well-dressing can be found on the internet.



We plan to meet outside the Village Hall in Newtown Linford at 10am, travel by coach and spend the day looking at the wells and the villages in the Peak District that still practice well-dressing. We hope to have a bring and share Picnic Lunch on arrival (weather permitting), time visiting the Wells and the village itself followed by an organised Afternoon Tea (included in the price) of £15 per head. We should return home to the Hall by 5.30pm

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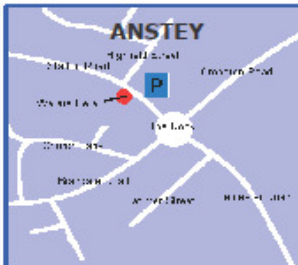
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Newtown Ramblers 2010

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| 10th April | Peter Tovey |
| 20th April | Leics. Round .Gaddesby to Somerby. Toby (245298) |
| 8th May | Carolyn & Peter Lowe (day walk) |
| (Meet 11.00am at Village Hall. "Awayday, East Leics." lunch at a pub..) | |
| 12th June | Glenis & John (day walk, Cotswolds) |
| (Meet 9.00am at Village Hall. "Awayday, Cotswolds." Bring packed lunch or eat in a pub) | |
| 10th July | Penny Neaves |
| 14th August | Iris Sayer |
| 11th September | Jan Croft & Diane |
| 9th October | Toby & Felicity |
| 13th November | Bill Mainwaring |
| 11th December | Lesley Baker |

Please note the changes to the Programme. April to November, and May to July.

Unless otherwise notified, all walks depart from opposite the Village Hall at 2.00pm

Most walks are between 4-5 miles, but day walks between 7-8 miles. Toby and Lesley are organizing walking the Leicestershire Round. Eight weary walkers and two dogs have just completed the Rearsby to Gaddesby section, with a welcome break for lunch at the dog friendly Bell Inn, Frisby. Once again we had perfect walking weather. The next section Gaddesby to Somerby, will be on Tues. 20th April, if you would like further details, please contact Toby (245298).

Thank-you to Pauline and Jo. for leading the March walk. The footpath from Anstey via Sheet Hedges gave different views of Bradgate with behind us, in the distance, a view of Billesdon Coplow . Afterwards we enjoyed a delicious choice of cakes and tea , much appreciated by all, including Roxey and Dylan, who carefully cleared the floor of any crumbs. New members are always welcome. All you need is a pair of walking shoes or boots, and be able to walk 4-5 miles.

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NEWTOWN LINFORD CHORAL SOCIETY

Our Summer Concerts will be on 17th/18th/19th June in the Village Hall, Newtown Linford. Tickets will be on sale from 1st May. Full details in next month's Magazine.

HELP!



Please let me know if you were taking photographs at our Summer Concert on Saturday 20th June 2009. If so do get in touch (01530 243822) as we would like copies for our Choir Archive.

Iris Sayer

Newtown Linford Informal Ladies Luncheon Club Meets on the first Wednesday of every month

This group meets at the Village Restaurant (formerly Louis Scott) around 12 noon. There is no organisation at all - simply telephone the restaurant and book yourself in. Numbers vary between 2 to 20 each month- you never can tell.

Please come and give it a try

Newtown Linford Youth Club in the Village Hall

The meetings are divided into two age groups.

JUNIORS 7- 11 (Children younger than 7 may attend but must be accompanied by parent/guardian) and SENIORS 11 upwards

Times are JUNIORS 6:15pm-7:15pm and SENIORS 7:30pm-9pm

Monday 12th April

Monday 10th May

Monday 7th June

Monday 5th July

- no August meeting -

Monday 6th September

Monday 4th October

Monday 1st November

Monday 6th December



Bradgate Team Sunday Services April 2010

| Date | Groby | Ratby | Newtown Linford |
|-------------------------------------|--|---|---------------------------|
| 4 th April Easter Day | 8.00am Holy Communion | 6.00am Dawn service | 8.00am Holy Communion |
| | 9.30am All Age Celebration with Holy Communion | 10.00am All Age Celebration with Holy Communion | 11.00am Holy Communion |
| | 6.30pm Holy Communion | | |
| 11 th April | | 8.00am Holy Communion | 8.00am Holy Communion |
| | 9.30am Holy Communion | 10.00am Morning Worship | 11.00am Family Service |
| | 6.30pm Evening Service | | |
| 18 th April | 8.00am Holy Communion | | |
| | 9.30am Morning Worship | 10.00am Holy Communion | 11.00am Holy Communion |
| | 6.30pm 3SE | | |
| 25 th April | | | 8.00am Holy Communion |
| | 9.30am Holy Communion | 10.00am All Age Worship | 11.00am Morning Prayer |
| | Worship Special, as a 4pm (approx) part of the Parish AGM at Newtown Linford | | |

Midweek Communion Services

Groby

Wednesdays at 9.30am

Newtown

Monthly on 1st Thursday of month: 1st April

Ratby

Thursdays at 9.30am: 8th and 22nd April

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Church Services and Events for April 2010

Sunday 4th April- Easter Day

8.00am Holy Communion Peter Hooper
11.00am Holy Communion John Woolmer

Sunday 11th April- 2nd of Easter

8.00am Holy Communion Canon Derek Buxton
11.00am Family Service Louise Corke

Sunday 18th April- 3rd of Easter

11.00am Holy Communion Louise Corke

Sunday 25th April- 4th of Easter

8.00am Holy Communion Peter Hooper
11.00am Morning Prayer Keith Wignall & Louise Corke
4.00pm Special Service with PCC AGM

Thursday Communion 1st April at 10.00am

Focus Prayer Times *An informal time of prayer for people and organisations in our village. All are welcome. Tuesdays at 10.00am*

For more details please contact :

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Email: peter@hoopers.orangehome.co.uk

Team Vicar, Revd Louise Corke 0116 231 3090

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Sunday School

**Our next Sunday Special will be on
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April News



March saw the 65th birthday of Barry Cooke seen here in the photograph with mother in law Joan, wife Lesley, sister in law Chris (wife of brother Tony) and daughter Helen. Sister Pat tells me they enjoyed a good family get together with much reminiscing. Pat is now one of our regular grandmas at the Mothers and Toddlers Group. The Group continues to flourish under the leadership of Philippa so remember if you have under school age children with you on Thursday mornings, we are there from 10.15 until 11.45 in the back room of the Village School.

John Perrin, son of the late Joyce and Stan writes to tell me that he is settling in well at the Parish Church of St. Peters on Sark and is generally adjusting to island life.

Margaret List is pleased to tell me that Roger has now been moved from the Intensive Care onto the High dependency Ward and within a

couple of days hopefully an ordinary ward. He has been extremely poorly on life support but things are looking good. Stan Clarke is now home and tells me that he is recovering well from his surgery. He also said he could not praise the NHS staff enough.

I hear that Harry Prince may soon be able to come home to be cared for by the family. So to all three of these men, good luck and good health for the future.



The Brownies celebrated Thinking Day (February 22nd) and their centenary year on Sunday 21st at the 11am Family Service. Brown Owl Hilary made a cake as seen in the photo plus 3 more for cutting. I think that means she made 7 deep chocolate sponges. The brownies obviously loved putting on their foreign hats and learning their lines. I heard some of them saying which Country they would be next year.

Also for Thinking Day I was invited to the 7 am Communion followed by a full cooked breakfast on the 22nd at The Martyrs in Leicester. The Guiding contingent there have been doing this since 1954. Also there was

24 Glenis Meredith with her two sisters Hazel and Jennifer. Jennifer



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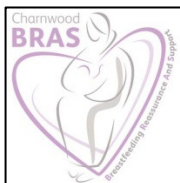
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was one of those who prepared us Porridge or Cereal, Sausages, Beans, Scrambled Egg and Tomatoes followed by bread and marmalade, tea or coffee for, I guess, well over a hundred. They had to clear away and wash up by 9 am. when their Preschool needed the Hall. The Service was taken by their new Vicar. The Rev. Richard Worsfold looking pretty well, his body having adjusted to all that weight loss before he left here. He has a new, very short, haircut. In fact I had to look twice to check it was him. He said he was enjoying his new challenges of which there are many.



As I finish this copy I was talking to Dick Lowe whose family has lived in the village for many years and he was saying he thinks there are more children living in the village now than years ago. I think it is true we do have a lot of young families either living here or close by and coming to the Village School. This leads me on to tell you about the newly formed Charnwood Breastfeeding Reassurance and Support Groups that have recently been formed. Links to their site (their logo is seen here) and details of where they can be contacted will soon be appearing on the Schools, Preschools and Playgroups page of the Village website.

www.leicestershirevillages.com/newtownlinford/

They are a voluntary Group working alongside local Midwives and Health visitors. They are all mums themselves and some of them are also nurses. They have taken part in the La Leche League Breastfeeding Peer Counsellor Programme and received their certificates.

Pam McMorran, News Editor.

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**Many thanks to Newtown Linford School
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From the Records

All About Rubbish

There are often items in the local press about Bradgate Park which I add to our collection. The latest was a photograph showing the rubbish (broken sledges) that people had left behind in the park after the January snow. Many discarded items can be a danger to the wild life - food scraps, tin cans, plastic bags, paper, foil and broken glass.

KINDNESS KILLER was the heading in our records for 1967. Mr Harrison had pleaded with the visitors not to feed the deer. There is adequate natural food in the park to feed the deer in the summer and the rangers give the deer hay and concentrates during the winter months. The deer become very tame and look very appealing. They are offered sandwiches—this can lead to gluttony and the deer can grab the bag which leads to problems - especially if it is plastic.

In 1966 a very striking white fallow buck was often seen near the main gate begging for tit bits. One morning he was found dead and the post mortem revealed five plastic bags and a four foot length of webbing. There was silver foil packed tightly round its teeth. He had died a pathetic death.

Their antlers are also a danger to visitors - an angry deer can turn and catch the visitor causing a very serious blow. We should always remember they are wild animals and they don't need any sandwiches, chocolate or ice cream.

Photo from the internet showing rubbish dropped in Bradgate Park. Ironical that it is a bottle of water which someone has purchased as a healthy drink for themselves but have not considered the damage that is caused from discarding it in the park!



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Newtown Linford Neighbourhood Watch



A resident on the Main Street left some large electrical items out for Charnwood Borough Council to collect. Their policy is to collect within seven working days but in this case they took a lot longer. Then the resident discovered that some items had gone from on her own land. She telephoned the Council to enquire why they had not taken it all and was told they had not been and it would have been the travellers. Apparently they do this and when the items are found to be no good they dump them anywhere on the side of the road. Thus resulting in extra work for the Council. I think we must all put some pressure on Charnwood BC to give a specific day for collection so that items are only out for one night at the most.

PC Rhodes informs me that the Police have had some success recently in apprehending criminals. A man was arrested later in the day on 10th March after a burglary in Cropston with the stolen property still in his possession. A window had been smashed to gain entry. Three men were arrested a few days earlier with stolen property from a burglary in Birstall.

Once again our Village Store has been hit. The front door was forced and goods stolen. I understand that the Police attended very quickly but alas not quick enough to apprehend anyone.

The proposed amalgamation of our Police Beat with Woodhouse etc. is delayed for a few months as it will take some time for the reorganisation. Our new PSCO will be Nigel Ritchie number 6647 and he will commence sometime in May. He has, however, been assisting PC. Rhodes with the speed checks in the village recently. They have been three times on Main Street and Bradgate Road. **Pam McMorran**
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HOME RADIO LAUNCHES IN CHARNWOOD



A new internet-based community radio station has been officially launched in Charnwood.

Home Radio, available online at www.homeradio.eu, offers a full schedule of music, local news, events-guide, travel and weather. Home Radio is an online community station focusing on the Charnwood area of Leicestershire.

Launched in 2010, the station features a mix of music, local news, events, travel, weather and chat. The presenting team is made up of broadcasting professionals, each having extensive radio experience in the East Midlands. The line-up features some familiar voices to the Charnwood area, including former Oak FM presenters, John Haynes, Sandy Iliffe, Gavin Samways and Mark Atherton.

“We felt that there was a gap in the market for a radio station focusing solely on Charnwood,” commented John. “For many of us, returning to the airwaves in the area is very much like coming home – hence Home Radio.

“It’s great to be working with so many members of the former team again and everyone is excited about the launch. We want the people of Charnwood to feel like this is their station and we want them to get involved whenever possible, by providing requests, local event details and community talking points.”

The Home Radio presenting team also features Barry Mart, Mark Jeynes and Adrian Gill, who all have extensive broadcasting experience in the East Midlands.

“Online radio has really taken off in the past few years,” added John. “Over the coming months, we’re aiming to make sure that Home Radio is the first choice for Charnwood residents whether at home or work.”

For more information on Home Radio and to view the full schedule, visit www.homeradio.eu.

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Bradgate After-School Club “Outstanding” say Ofsted!

Bradgate After-School Club, in Newtown Linford, has recently been inspected by Ofsted, and been given their highest rating: outstanding. Local parents are really pleased, and feel that this reflects their own and their children’s experiences of the care they have received. “I’m delighted that the club has been given the recognition it deserves”, said mum of two, Elaine. “Having this service has given me the reassurance I need that my children are well looked after, and flexibility for me to be able to meet the demands of my job.”

The Club, managed by local parent Kara Unwin, and run by experienced and qualified carers, Stacey and Donna, is based at the Sunday School Rooms, by the entrance to Bradgate Park. It’s becoming an established and valued part of the local community, and children love the wide range of activities they take part in.

The Ofsted report will be available shortly on the internet at www.ofsted.gov.uk (the Club’s Unique Reference Number [URN] is EY401033).

During the Easter school holidays, Kara intends to offer a Daily Club, to assist parents and carers with childcare, and offer fun opportunities for children. Places are available for primary school-age children, both from the village and beyond – and secondary school-age siblings may be able to come along by arrangement.

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The Parish Council has not met since the publication of the last magazine and meets in March after we have gone to print, so no news this month.

The next meeting is on the 19th April at 7pm in the Small Hall of the Village Hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

Ken Waterfall, Chairman of the NLPC 01530 242838

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