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## A Message from Rev Katie Cross



**Waiting.** I wonder what this word conjures up in your mind. The frustration of waiting for a bus or train that seems to be running late. Perhaps the space between tests taken in a hospital, waiting with some concern for the results. Maybe you are drawn to the wonder of a young child as they wander slowly towards a destination, encouraged on by a parent or grandparent. Or possibly the joy of watching things come to life in the garden or fields around.

As I write this there are snow flurries outside and the previous weeks of Spring sunshine seem like a distant memory once again. The bulbs pushing through the soft earth and the daffodils beginning to emerge, are now faced with an icy wind. Spring, it seems, will keep us waiting a little longer.

We have also been waiting throughout this period of Lent, the time post pancakes, as we journey towards Easter. In a world where we are all rushing to get on to the next thing, the art of waiting can be a difficult one to master. We have been taking this opportunity to stop and reflect, to wait, to consider our lives as we journey together. Some of us have also been exploring the art of 'Being Still' with God. The Bible speaks about waiting for God; be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him, urges the psalmist.

So, as Easter approaches, let us offer God our frustrations and concerns. Let us allow the wonder and joy of waiting to draw us closer to God, who waits for us, and celebrate the new life that Jesus offers.

And as the celebration begins at Easter, hopefully we will discover we have been enriched by the waiting and are ready to embrace a new season.

*Rev. Katie Cross*

# Alcester Minster Church Services – April 2023

<b>02 April</b>	<b>Readings:</b> Psalm 118 v 1 – 2 & v 19 – 29, Matthew 21 v 1 – 11	
	9.00 am Morning Prayer	Haselor
Palm Sunday	11.00 am Morning Prayer	Alcester
Red	4.00 pm Holy Communion	Sambourne
06 April	<b>Readings:</b> Exodus 12 v 1 – 4, John 13 v 1 – 17 & v 31b – 35	
Maundy Thurs	7.00 pm Sung Eucharist	Alcester
	with feet washing	
Red	7.00 pm Holy Communion Supper	Sambourne
07 April	<b>Readings:</b> Hebrews 10 v 16 – 25, John 18 v 1 – 19 v 42	
	9.30 am Good Friday	Alcester
	Reflective Service	
Good	10.30 am ACT Walk of Witness	
Friday	14.00 pm Meditation	Kinwarton
Red	15.00 pm Family Service	Alcester
<b>09 April</b>	<b>Readings:</b> Acts 10 v 34 – 43, Matthew 28 v 1 – 10	
	9.00 am Holy Communion	Weethley
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	9.00 am Holy Communion	Haselor
White/Gold	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	Alcester
	11.00 am Holy Communion	Coughton
	11.00 am Family Communion	Great Alne
<b>16 April</b>	<b>Readings:</b> Acts 2 v 14a & v 22 – 32, John 20 v 19 – 31	
	9.00 am St Nicks @ 9	Alcester
Easter 2	9.00 am Morning Worship	Arrow
White	11.00 am Relaxed Morning Worship	Alcester
<b>23 April</b>	<b>Readings:</b> Acts 2 v 14a & v 36 – 41, Luke 24 v 13 – 35	
	8.00 am Holy Communion BCP	Alcester
Easter 3	9.00 am Holy Communion	Kinwarton
White	11.00 am Sung Eucharist	Alcester
	6.00 pm Minster Praise	Weethley
<b>30 April</b>	<b>Readings:</b> Acts 2 v 42 – 47, John 10 v 1 – 10	
Easter 4	11.00 am Minster Celebration	Alcester
Each	10.00 am Midweek Holy Communion	Alcester

## April 2023

Wednesday	Flowers	Church Cleaning
Sambourne	Jeanetta Hawkes	Margaret Andrew, Gail Laband
St Peters Coughton	Joy Hawthorne	Margaret Andrew, Gail Laband

### MINSTER EVENTS

For the most up-to-date information on Minster Events please see the website calendar on the noticeboard page on the website – [www.alcesterminster.org](http://www.alcesterminster.org).

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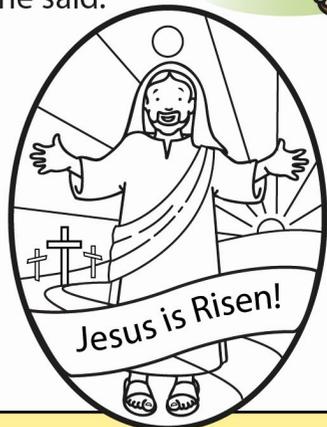
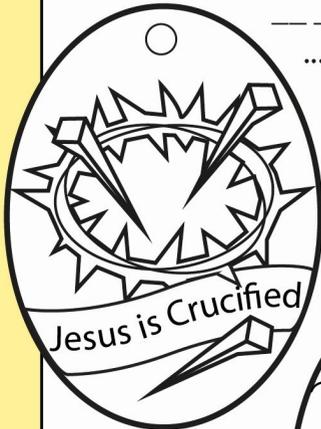
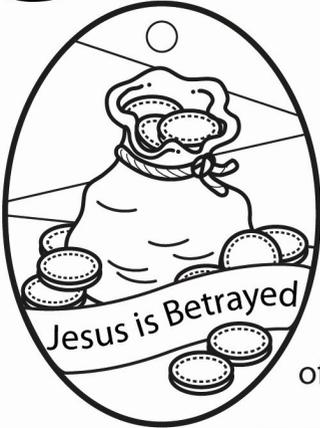
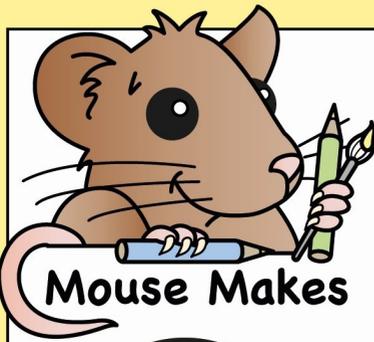
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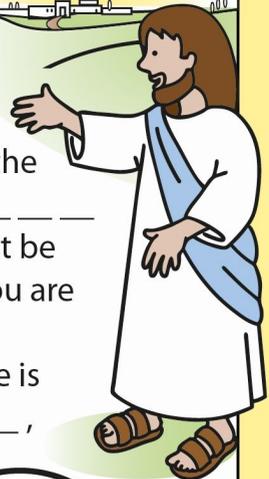
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## HE IS RISEN!

Read the story of  
The Resurrection in  
*Matthew 28:1-20*



An \_\_\_\_\_  
of the Lord came down from  
\_\_\_\_\_ and going to the  
\_\_\_\_\_ rolled back the \_\_\_\_\_  
... the \_\_\_\_\_ said, "Do not be  
\_\_\_\_\_, for I know you are  
looking for Jesus who was  
\_\_\_\_\_, He is  
not here; he has \_\_\_\_\_,  
just as he said!"



Glue this page onto  
card. Cut out the  
ovals then colour in.  
Punch a hole at the  
top and hang up  
for Easter



*Do this in remembrance of me*

*Holy*  
**THURSDAY**



**Sambourne Church - Last Supper Communion**

**7.00 pm 6th April 2023**

Please ring 07989983099 if you would like to be there.



**MAUNDY  
THURSDAY**



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### **SAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on  
Tuesday 7th March at 7.00 pm in the Parish Room.  
All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Future dates for your diary:

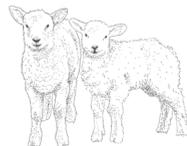
Annual Parish Assembly	Tuesday 16th May 2023 at 6:30 pm
Annual Meeting	Tuesday 16th May at 7:00 pm
Parish Council Meeting	Tuesday 16th May at 7:30 pm

For all PC matters, please contact our  
Parish Clerk, Teresa Murphy: [clerk.sambournepc@aol.com](mailto:clerk.sambournepc@aol.com)

Keep up to date with Parish Council news via:  
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## Nature jottings from Perrymill Lane

We've seen more signs of springtime, with wild garlic sprouting in the verges and lambs bouncing around in the field beside Coughton Field Lane, but the recent frost and snow tells us that winter hasn't given up yet.



12<sup>th</sup> Feb. Peter from Coughton described a diving duck that he'd noticed in the river in Bidford on Avon. The description fitted a Tufted Duck – a common resident.

13<sup>th</sup> Feb. On this sunny afternoon we noticed one Fallow Deer and a Peacock butterfly beside Coughton Park woods. Bats, presumably Pipistrelles, were flying over our garden at dusk.

16<sup>th</sup> Feb. Angela mentioned that when walking Freddie in local woodland they came across twenty deer – probably Fallow judging by more recent reports.

17<sup>th</sup> Feb. As we arrived at the Church room for the evening of wine-tasting, we heard a Barn Owl call nearby. Ann mentioned having seen five Blackcaps in her garden. It seems that more of these birds are now spending winter in the UK instead of heading south. Pete reported a Raven feeding on chicken bones in his Middletown Lane garden.

24<sup>th</sup> Feb. A party of three Lesser Redpolls spent much of the day in the garden devouring sunflower seed hearts.

26<sup>th</sup> Feb. As we walked along a Glebe Farm footpath, we came across a flock of about a dozen Yellowhammers in the hedgerow.

27<sup>th</sup> Feb. The Redpolls are now a constant presence in the garden. Four Yellowhammers were in the same spot as yesterday. We noticed a herd of twenty-four Fallow Deer emerge from the woods and run a circuit of the adjacent field before returning to the woods.

1<sup>st</sup> Mar. We have a dilemma over whether or not to keep an oversize apple tree in the garden. We counted six species of birds in it at one time today, so they seem to be telling us that it should stay!

3<sup>rd</sup> Mar. Bird numbers in the garden seem to be at a peak with feeders being emptied within a day. Roy watched a Red Kite flying over the centre of the village.

4<sup>th</sup> Mar. We spotted a large mixed flock of Fieldfares and Redwings in a field off Wike Lane and wondered if they were preparing to return to Scandinavia for the breeding season. Corin managed to capture video of about forty Fallow Deer running across a field beside Wike Lane.

5<sup>th</sup> Mar. We noticed two Siskins bathing in the brook where it passes under Wike Lane at the entrance to the village.

7<sup>th</sup> Mar. We spotted a Meadow Pipit perched on a power cable near Glebe Farm.

12<sup>th</sup> Mar. We saw our first lambs in a field in Coughton near the ford.

**Phil J (12th March)**

## **The arrival of spring at Coughton Court**



During the spring months the gardens erupt into a kaleidoscope of colour and sounds of new life for everyone to enjoy. From April thousands of brightly coloured daffodils cover the ground all the way from the stableyard to the orchard and a shimmering blanket of bluebells start to cover the woodland floor in our ancient bluebell wood.

April is the perfect month to enjoy the display of blossom in the orchard, full of old varieties of fruit trees from apples and pears to plums and cherries, burst into blossom to celebrate the arrival of the warmer months. From delicate whites to pastel pinks, this fragrant display around the gardens is one of the most uplifting sights of spring and provides a valuable source of food for our native wildlife.

Our award-winning walled garden re-opens from April, so come and take a gentle stroll around the labyrinth. It'll be a while before we see the arrival of the roses but the view over the lake is the ideal spot to catch a glimpse of a kingfisher and watch the swans glide across the water.

Don't forget, Easter is just around the corner, and we've got some exciting plans to celebrate spring and keep the whole family entertained throughout the Easter holiday at Coughton Court. Join us for an Easter adventure out in nature with a trail through the parkland this spring, give our rabbit racecourse a try, see who can build the tallest tower with our building blocks and finish up by stopping by our craft space to see what you can make to take home. Complete the trail, collect your chocolate egg and enjoy something delicious from the BBQ. Tuesday 4 – Mon 10 April, 11am – 4pm, £3 per trail which can be purchased on the day from the Easter tent.

Our pop-up jigsaw festival is also returning from 19 – 30 April, 11am – 4pm. The money raised from jigsaw and book donations has gone towards vital conservation projects such as tapestry and painting conservation as well as the re-wiring of the mansion. The money from every jigsaw and book sold at Coughton goes straight back into the property, enabling the National Trust to care for this beautiful place for everyone, for ever.

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# NOTICES

## SVA Events for your diary (preliminary)

**April:** Return of The Pig Race. Sat 6<sup>th</sup> **May:** Coronation Celebrations. Sun 18<sup>th</sup> **June:** Shakespeare on the green. Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> until Sun 25<sup>th</sup> **June:** MINIFEST.

We are on the lookout for suggestions, or volunteers to help organise future events: Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween, or excursions for the senior members of the community.



### SVA brings you an Easter Egg Hunt

Free Entry, Prize for every child  
*Hop on over to Sambourne Village Hall  
On Good Friday 7th April 2023  
@10.00am-12pm*

All children must be supervised by an adult.  
For more details contact Angela on  
07 999 426 809



*Thank You!*

To the SVA and in particular Ann Price, who put together a fantastic quiz on 18th March. The evening was enjoyed by a number of very competitive teams. Mike Waplinton's team secured first place on the evening.

### Mr Taxi

It is with deep sadness, I inform you, that following a brief illness, Neil Brown (owner of Mr Taxi) passed away on 11th March. Neil had provided the parish with transport each Thursday to Redditch. A celebration of his life will take place on 29th March at Redditch Crematorium at 3.30 pm. Our thoughts are with his family during this sad time.



### COUGHTON CEMETERY TIDY WEEKENDS

SATURDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> & SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> APRIL  
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*Thank You!*

Following the sad loss of Mr Taxi, Sambourne Village Association have, with the blessing of his family, secured a new service that will continue to run each Thursday from The Green Dragon, and Middletown layby at 10.00 am to Redditch.

## KEEP FIT

**Keep Fit** for over 65s meet at 1.00 pm every Wednesday at Sambourne. £5 per session.

Contact

Gail - **07989983099** or  
Jeanetta - **07747011225**  
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## COUGHTON & SAMBOURNE 100 CLUB

Last month`s draw for £100 was won by Jayne Kirkwood, living in Hampshire, who was a previous winner in December last year.

This month brings the second Jackpot draw of 2023 for £450. This will be made on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 5.00pm at Sambourne Church Hall.

The Organisers are still looking for some new members to join the 100 Club. Please consider this request as by doing so you would not only be helping to maintain the churches in both Sambourne and Coughton but also have every chance of winning a cash prize each month. You should contact Peter Laband (01527 893879) or John McTavish (01789 764703) to be included in the monthly bit of fun.



## COUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Our meetings are held at Coughton Primary School and the date of our next meeting is on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm.

**We would love you to join us!**

Our website includes the following information and more:

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## **"We Will Remember Them"**

All the following each month are commemorated on the War Memorial on Sambourne Village Green, unveiled by Mr D Pestell on 25<sup>th</sup> December 1920. It is in the form of a cross, erected by Mr W B Cox. Monumental mason of Astwood Bank



### **Casualties 1917**

**"Age shall not weary them....."**

**Ernest Henry Ford** – 103375, Private, Labour Corps. Died on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August 1917, age 41. The son of Henry, a painter, and Sarah Ford of Perry Mil Lane, Sambourne. Born in Inkberrow, enlisted in Warwick. Before the war he was employed as a printer in Birmingham. Formerly served as 56093 The Devonshire Regiment. Buried in the Rocquigny – Equancourt Road British Cemetery, Manancourt, Somme, France. Also commemorated on the War Memorial Board in St. Peter's Church, Coughton. War Medal, Victory Medal.

**Edward Philip Johnson** – 1778 Private 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion the Warwickshire Regiment. Killed in action Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> December 1917, age 21. The son of Hannah Stokes of Station Road Studley. Buried in the Monchy British Cemetery, Monchy-Le-Preux, Pas de Calais, France. Also commemorated on the Studley War Memorial and on the War Memorial Board in St. Peter's Church, Coughton. War Medal, Victory Medal.

**Frederick Henry Mason - Military Medal** – Lance Corporal 11<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Died from effects of gas poisoning on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August 1917, age 21. The 3<sup>rd</sup> son of Richard, a coachbuilder, and Kate Mason, of Coughton. Born and resided in Coughton. Enlisted in Worcester, 1915. Awarded the Military Medal 9<sup>th</sup> July 1917, for bravery in the field. Buried in the Outtersteene Communal Cemetery Extension, Bailleul Nord, France. Also commemorated on the War Memorial in St. Peter's Church, Coughton. Military Medal, 1914-1915 Star, War Medal, Victory Medal.



### **Baptisms**

No Baptisms during this period

### **Weddings**

No Weddings during this period

### **Funerals**

No Funerals during this period

*Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals  
from 15 February to 14 March 2023  
in connection with Coughton with  
Sambourne Parish*



If anyone is interested in helping to organise an event for HRH King Charles III Coronation on 6th May 2023 (however small) then please contact Justin Kerridge **07970 518953** or the Sambourne Village Association via their facebook page.

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