



Marton Newsletter

April 2025



MLHG visit Long Itchington Church see page 14

A parish chest and a half!



The amazing Rood Screen



The incredibly rare three seat sidilia



Reburbishing the old pavilion see page 6



Reburbishing the old pavilion see page 6

Marton Diary

April

4	Mobile Library	11.30
6	Church: Holy Communion	11.15
6	Church: In The Spirit	18.30
10	Afternoon Teas	14.00
13	Church: Morning Worship	11.15
14	Marton Cinema: Conclave	20.00
14-18	Church: Easter services each day	
19/20	Napton Art Group Exhibition	10.00
20	Church: Easter Day Service	11.15
24	Church Coffee Morning	10.30
26	Church/Churchyard Clean	10.00
27	Church: Morning Worship	11.15
27	Marton Walkers	11.00
28	Marton Local History Group	19.30

May

2	Mobile Library	11.30
4	Church: Holy Communion	11.15
4	Church: In The Spirit	18.30
5	Church: Ash Wednesday Long Itch.	19.00
7	Mobile Library	11.30
8	Afternoon Teas	14.00
11	Church: Morning Worship	11.15
18	Church: Holy Communion	11.15
24	Church/Churchyard Clean	10-12
25	Church: Morning Worship	11.15
25	Marton Walkers	11.00
26	MLHG AGM	19.30
29	Church Coffee Morning	10.30
30	Mobile Library	11.30

Events

**The Next
Marton Parish
Council
Meeting
(+ AGM &
Annual Parish
Meeting)
6.30pm
Tuesday
13 May 2025
at the Village
Hall**

***NB** Please note the
deadline for the **May**
Newsletter is **Wednesday**
23 April 2025.*

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Marton Mobile Library Service



There are a lot of attractive aspects of living in Marton, though some find getting to community facilities easier than others. One of the unheralded benefits for villagers is access to the Warwickshire mobile library service. They offer books in standard and large print and also have a wide range of audiobooks in different formats. It is also easy to order your choice of books.

The library parks in Shepherd Street 11.30 - 11.55am on one or two days a month. (4 April, 2/30 May). Check the Newsletter Diary!

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Marton Community Network – We can still help!

As many of you are aware, before lockdown started a small group representing the Parish Council, Church and Village Hall met to discuss how to support the Marton community. We all believe it's beneficial to work together and support each other.

So if you need some help with:

- Picking up shopping or prescriptions
- Posting mail
- A friendly phone call
- Urgent supplies
- Transport to a medical appointment...or just a lift to the shops

Please make contact with either:

Helen on: 07793 213048 or Helen.Keeves@hotmail.co.uk
or Rob on: 07764 377163 or lummisrob@gmail.com

Please don't be afraid to ask!

We will be happy to arrange for you to receive the help you need. Please remember you should only accept help from people you know and trust - always ring for clarification if you are not sure.

A big thank you: to all the wonderful volunteers who continue to support the Marton Community with offers of help!

Thanks for reading, please take care and stay safe.

Rob (Marton Parish Council)

Marion News

Keep Marion Tidy!



The Keep Britain Tidy group have now launched their annual spring clean campaign.

The volunteers started early in Marion and tackled the litter on the roads leading into the village before the council could set their grass cutters out and accidentally spread it all over the place.



Unfortunately there seemed to be rather a lot more than in past collections, despite additional picks late last year. The convenience of take-away foods benefits the retailer and the consumer, so both should take some responsibility for what happens to the packaging after the sale.

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The only consolation is to think of all the thousands of motorists who use the local roads each month. Only a few who create the mess - most are more thoughtful.



After a blue Audi crashed into the ditch by the telephone exchange, a lot of bodywork had been left behind which also needed clearing up. It did reveal a demolished 30MPH repeater sign in the hedge, now reported to WCC Highways. Please do your bit to pick up litter where you can.

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Council Tax Surprise



Residents might have been surprised to see a 9.2% increase in council tax attributed to Marton Parish Council in the 2025/26 bill. No one was more surprised than members of Marton Parish Council!

Our request to Rugby Borough Council was for a 5% change, as all our costs (grass cutting, streetlights, bills like insurance and so on) have greatly increased. Marton Parish Council aims to break-even (and occasionally runs at a small loss, using reserves) rather than have any surplus from council tax year-on-year. We have prioritised keeping increases to an absolute



minimum in recent years to avoid adding to cost-of-living pressures for residents (see table below).

Annually, the five volunteer councillors and clerk look at the spending from the

previous year and expected costs for the next year and set an appropriate budget. This year, despite frugal planning, an increase of 5% couldn't be avoided. However, the 5% increase surprised everyone by appearing on our bills as a 9.2% increase.

Tax year	Marton Parish Council precept change from previous year
2024/25	0%
2023/24	3.1%
2022/23	0%
2021/22	5.7%

On querying with county administrators, the explanation has been received that the 5% rise has been applied to our overall total precept* then divided by the number of households liable to pay. This is the usual method, but this year is abnormally visible because the number of households in

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Marion paying council tax in full has dropped significantly enough to obviously impact the percentage.

So, as our 5% request is applied to the total, not to individual households, when some are eligible to stop paying or to pay a reduced amount, others pay more. Like a restaurant bill divided by the number of diners; if it's decided the 'birthday guest' shouldn't pay, everyone else pays a little more to cover their share. Interestingly, if we had holiday homes here paying double under the new rules, the reverse would happen and others would pay less. Last year our 'bill' was divided by 226.67 (households) and this year it's divided by 218.01 (households). For band D properties, this has resulted in an increase of £5 for the year.

Hopefully this explanation is helpful. For any related queries about budgets or any other operations, our bi-monthly meetings are always open to the public (see the next date on the newsletter diary page).

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**In the context of parish councils, a precept is the amount of money collected as part of the council tax bill to fund services and operations in the parish. For 2025/26 the Marion Parish Council precept is £13,125 and is the budget expected to be spent on providing public amenities in Marion for the year.*

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A Marion Doggy Reminder



Discussing footpaths at the last Parish Council meeting, some concerns were expressed about dogs not being on leads.

This was felt lambing, dog-phobic walkers being approached by larger dogs rather too enthusiastically and the danger of dogs running in front of cars were all risks to be avoided.

The council was asked to put out a reminder of the need to have dogs on their leads at all times (and also to highlight the puzzling issue of dog poo being collected but then the bag being hung up or cast aside!).

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MPFA Pavilion

Marton Pavilion Refurbishment



A start has been made on the refurbishment of the Playing Fields Pavilion. Although the full amount of finance is not yet in place there is a deadline for spending the grants that have been offered. Therefore the Playing Fields Association Committee have decided to tackle the scheme in stages. Furthermore, in order to save money they are doing some of the demolition work themselves.

Hence in early March a skip was delivered to the pavilion entrance and within a couple of days it had been filled with rubble from the demolition of the walls of the corridor and those separating the changing rooms.



MPFA was greatly assisted by Dom Rudge whose power tools, skills and time made the whole process a lot quicker, easier and, especially, safer!

The toilets and social area are unaffected and will be available for normal use through the summer.

The open area created will be remodelled to create new toilets and services to make a new kitchen area to serve a larger open space when the old toilets are eventually removed. A false ceiling will also be installed with insulation to allow efficient heating. The old 1980s windows will be replaced with double glazed ones, among other improvements

In clearing the loft, a sign for the old Marton Rovers FC was discovered—a throwback to the time when the changing rooms were used by local sports teams.



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Marton Art and Craft Group Spring Workshop

Participants demonstrated a wide range of activities from stained glass making, canvas work, pencil, painting to handbags. Unfortunately, there were group members who had to withdraw at the last minute. We wish them well and look forwards to seeing them next time.

The master class on watercolour and pen and wash techniques was well attended; the results from people with a range of experience were very creditable.

As usual the shared lunch was excellent, and Helen must be thanked for her celebration cake. Thanks must also go to others including



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Billy Cooke who helped in a variety of ways throughout the day.

It is a privilege to be asked to mentor this group and to work with such enthusiastic and relatively younger people. The next activity will be to contribute to the village day in June. Details will be given nearer the date by Sharon, essentially it will be a time to show off our work to the village and maybe have pieces for sale. A date and topic will be decided for the autumn workshop and all communication will be via the WhatsApp group.

Thank you everyone

Joan 7

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Events

Marton 200 Club Latest Winners



Congratulations to the following 200 Club members who have won between £40 and £10 in the first of this year's draws.

Our latest lucky 200 Club winners are: Bernie Bayliss, Kevin Smith, Andrew Heath, Pauline Snowdon, Alex Leake, Wiz Shaylor, Graham Robson, Maya Van Galien, Clare Hodgson, Zena Richards, John Holroyd and Alan Naylor.

200 Club subscriptions run from January each year but it is never too late to become a member. Numbers cost £1 per month and there will be nine more draws this year so if you would like to join the club and be in with a chance to win cash prizes please contact Dyan at The Cottage Garden dyanh@btinternet.com 07770 751655

The logo for the Marton Table Tennis Club. It features a red circle with a black horizontal bar across its center containing the word 'MARTON' in white capital letters. Below this, the words 'TABLE TENNIS CLUB' are written in black, slanted capital letters. The logo is set against a background of vertical stripes in blue, light blue, and red.

7pm to 9pm on most* Thursday evenings during school term time at the Village Hall.
Non-League - All abilities and ages more than welcome.
Contact Dinyar (07825 203331) to join WhatsApp group.

* Sometimes session are cancelled due to other events & elections etc so join WhatsApp group to stay up to date.

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MARTON CINEMA – APRIL



Moving Pictures

LIVE
& LOCAL

We are delighted to be showing
CONCLAVE
on Friday April 11th
Doors open 7.30pm, film starting at 8pm
Tickets £4

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March Meeting

Draft Minutes of Marion Parish Council held on Tuesday, 11 March 2025 at 7.30pm Marion Memorial Hall

Chair: Faye Chambers
Minutes Taken by: Louise Hollings - Parish Clerk

1. ATTENDANCE

Cllr David Fry, Cllr Rob Lummis, Cllr Mike Taylor, Cllr Faye Chambers, Cllr Sarah Heath, Clerk Louise Hollings,

2. APOLOGIES

Cllr Dale Keeling, PCSO David Banks

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14th January signed by Cllr Mike Taylor.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

4.1/9.4d A number of residents raised issues relating to use of the new Lias Line as well as the proposed

application to revert the status of Fields Farm Lane back to a bridleway.

Concerns included a reported increase in traffic at the Chapel End of High Street, particularly at weekends, with people bringing bikes on cars to go up to the Lias Line. Issues include parking outside houses, blocking access, pavement parking, damage caused by turning around and litter. These residents believe traffic will continue to increase and therefore proper parking is required.

There is a similar issue with parking at Old Station Yard. Sustrans have already been made aware of the problems re access to the Line, but there isn't an obvious solution as they don't own any of the surrounding land.

Communication regarding parking options is seen to be limited. There is some parking at the Old Sidings on Birdingbury Road but this will only be used after completion of the next phase. Cllr Taylor to take concerns back to Sustrans and suggest a public meeting, possibly with WCC, to get ideas and proposals.

Some discussion regarding if Fields Farm Lane was ever a Bridleway; Cllr Fry provided the 1804 enclosure document reference number for those wishing to investigate

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further (lists Field Farm Lane as a bridleway between High Street and Snowford). The application for reversion to bridleway is being submitted by MPC on the basis that it will benefit Marton residents who will not be legally required to dismount in order to access the Lias Line. The final decision however, is not MPC's, and will take a number of years.

Point was made that there is a lot of development still to go so the final impact is not yet known.

Additionally, there was also enthusiastic support from other residents for the developments.

During the discussions a couple of other issues were raised; dog walkers not clearing poo/using leads and parking near corners on North Street. MPC noted that they have very little powers to change things, particularly if the police are unable to enforce any changes. Possibility of dog bins on Lias Line also to be raised with Sustrans.

5. COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

6. POLICE ISSUES

6.1 Community Speedwatch. Increased number of sessions due to the better weather. Police are currently processing them quickly and have

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confirmed a police camera will be available at some point for Marton.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

None

8. VILLAGE ISSUES

8.1 Drains in main road now complete. Ownership of ditches to side of playing field confirmed as MPC and therefore it is our responsibility to clear out if needed.

8.2 Snow Warden. Charlie Rudge has now kindly volunteered to undertake this village role.

8.4 Cllr Keeling has confirmed there will be no change to the school bus price increases, which are due to the way the subsidies work. Apparently the prices should have been higher in the past.

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9. VILLAGE UPDATES AND MAINTENANCE

9.1 Community Network continues and is still being used by residents.

9.2 Marton Playing Field Association. Programme for the coming year will be published soon. Pétanque area recently refurbished. Have had some grant rejections for Pavilion alterations, resulting in rewriting the constitution and considering charity status for MPFA. Now looking at doing the work in phases which may also help with using different funds/grants for separate works. Volunteers have now started the work, knocking down internal walls. MPC has contributed the cost of skip hire from its financial support of the project.

Safety review of play/sport equipment to be arranged.

9.3 February hedge cut

completed. Confirmation of grass cutting invoicing process required.

9.4 Roads and Footpaths.

9.4a Marton to Long Itchington cycle path, continuing what exists, is now looking for funding and talking to landowners. Concerns raised that using the left hand side of the main road will require filling in ditches, possibly resulting in flooding. Cllr Taylor to feed back concerns.

9.4b Hydrant marker at Orchard/Main Road access now repaired.

9.4c Railing along sloped pavement in the Orchard has been confirmed by Cllr Keeling as currently at design phase.

9.4d Sustrans Lias Line issues. See public participation section, 4.

9.4e Consideration to be given to a Village Gateway, possibly on south entrance. WCC have refused in the past but Long Itchington now has one.

9.4f New 30mph sign requested following recent accident.

9.4g Thanks given to all the volunteers who have recently cleared rubbish from the main road.

9.5 Marton Practical Ecology Group (MPEG). Annual rota developed. Bird boxes put up

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and bat boxes checked. Grass around saplings to be cleared mid March.

9.6 Defibrillators. New pads now in Birdingbury Road unit. Light and heater issue to be solved with new box base plate.

9.7 Emergency Plan leaflet. Current version has too much information, some out of date. Cllr Fry to look at first draft.

9.8 Annual maintenance invoice for street lighting queried. Consideration of what can be improved with a further Greenshoots grant to follow. Still waiting for previous Greenshoots money, Cllr Chambers to chase.

10. FINANCE

10.1 Financial transactions from 1 January - 28 February

10.2 Parish Council precept for 2024/25 agreed at 5% year on year increase, but Council Tax bills show a 9.1/9.2% increase. Cllr Chambers has requested explanation.

11. CHAIR ELECTION

Cllr Chambers

Vice Chair Cllr Lummis.

12. DATE OF NEXT ORDINARY MEETING

To include APM and AGM

6.30pm, Tuesday 13 May 2025

March Meeting

Afternoon Teas

For all at home on the second Thursday afternoon of the month

Take a Break!

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**2.00pm Thursday
10 April 2025**

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**6.30pm Tuesday
13 May**

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This will include the Annual Parish Meeting, the Parish Council AGM, followed by the Ordinary Meeting

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Marton Local History Group

Marton Local History Group visits Long Itchington Church



Over the last few years the group has visited most of our local churches but had, surprisingly,

neglected Long Itchington. Yet, as we discovered at the end of March, it has some of the most remarkable architectural church survivals in all of Warwickshire, if not the Midlands.

We were shown around by local experts Sue Myhill and Rosie Skilbeck who didn't need to point out the size of the church which is one of the largest in the area, the sense of scale being emphasised by the lack of pews.

You must go and look for yourself, but to give you an idea of why you should just three features will be mentioned here.

The Rood Screen

Most churches lost this piece of church furniture, destroyed in the Reformation. But this large wooden division between the Nave and the Chancel still survives in this church - six hundred years after it was made.



The Sedilia

Very few churches have an example of this feature, but Long Itchington has one featuring three seats! They were where the clergy sat by the altar during the service. Because the Long Itchington church



was so important it had three clergy, but of three different ranks, so the different height of the stone seat reflects their status.

The Parish Chest

Centuries ago all the most important documents for the village were kept in this crudely made chest, made from locally cut wood, wrapped in bands of iron and with a complicated multiple lock for security.



Marton Wildlife

Marton's March (and April) Migrant Bird arrivals

Bird migration is one of the wonders of the natural world. Here is a list of the birds we might expect this month onwards, especially in Marton. Look and listen out for them:

Chiffchaff

Blackcap (the most melodious bird song you could imagine next to the Nightingale)

Garden Warbler

Willow Warbler (all the above can be heard on the Lias Line)

Whitethroat (as you walk up Baby Barn Lane or across the "Moor" you might see/hear them singing such a beautiful subtle warble on the hedge tops)

Swallow (the earliest sighting by me was April 1, really!) but sadly, they are more rare these days around Marton but they can be seen in Eathorpe, can't they Gordon? (Robson)

House Martins (often seen around the Baby Barn)

Swifts (more likely to be May though again, sadly, they are rare these days around Marton.)

Spotted Flycatcher (more than likely to be early May. Look out for them in Andrew's Wood going to Eathorpe)

Cuckoo ("Comes in April, sings a song in May, whistles a tune in the middle of June and then flies away")

.....and finally, though not migrant, listen out for the **Skylark** as you walk along the public footpath across the fields and onwards to the Lias Greenway

Alan

Spring Birds

Skylark:



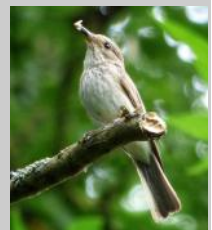
Whitethroat:



Chiffchaff:

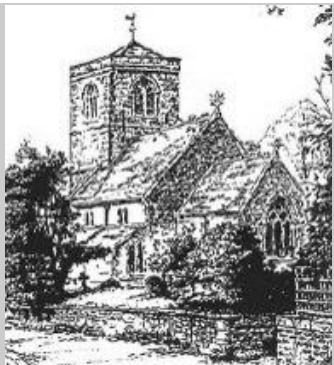


Spotted Flycatcher:



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Church Services



St Esprit Church in Marton

If you would like to discuss baptisms, weddings, home visits, hospital visits, funerals, foodbank support or any other pastoral needs or concerns, please contact Revd Richard confidentially on 01926 425070 or his email revrwss@gmail.com or St Esprit PCC via Jenny Walsh or StEspritMarton@gmail.com.

You are always welcome to St Esprit Church, Marton where we generally gather with refreshments at 11.00am for our services at 11.15am each regular Sunday. It is different on festival days or fifth Sundays. Below are the services currently planned, please see St.

Esprit Church, Marton - A Church Near You, Marton WhatsApps/email, noticeboard or our Facebook Page for details. Please contact us by email (StEspritMarton@gmail.com) or 01926632547 if you want to be included on our Church mailing list (email or posted).

Dear Friends,

Living in the Easter Season.

Maybe by the time you read this article, Easter will either be just about to happen or have just happened! But rather like Christmas, Easter is not just a day. It is a season. We speak of the 12 days of Christmas. Easter Day is followed by 7 Sundays of Easter, and the Easter season ends with Pentecost, the occasion 50 days after Jesus' resurrection when the Church celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit. But does it end there? Surely the answer is "no"! Easter is an all year round event. It is a daily reality. Why? Because it marks the resurrection of Jesus, and Jesus is still alive! That's why it's the year 2025. Because the most remarkable person who ever lived and ever did what He did changed history forever. Not just the date. And if Jesus had not risen from the dead, then the Church would have been still born, and would never have survived to this day. The Church is alive and well because its founder and saviour is alive and well and on the throne in heaven and earth! So, make Easter an all year round celebration, and not one that stops when the last Easter Bunny or chocolate Easter Egg disappears from the shops.

The fact of the resurrection makes a profound difference to our day to day, ordinary and

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occasionally extraordinary lives. Unbelieving journalists and lawyers have gone to the Holy Land with the express purpose of finding evidence to disprove Christianity once and for all. One such was Frank Morison, who returned and wrote "Who moved the stone?" His book was a record of how while trying to disprove the resurrection, he did a U-turn and wrote a book about the reasons he now believed not only in the resurrection, but also in Jesus as his Lord and Saviour.

Lee Strobel, a top Chicago investigative journalist, was so annoyed when his wife became a Christian that he set out to do all he possibly could to prove that her faith was based on fake facts. The outcome? He became a Christian? And he wrote a book about it too.

I have never met a person who has looked into the facts of the resurrection carefully and come to the conclusion that it did not happen. The evidence is compelling.

Are you seeking hope that you have not yet found? Are you hoping for a future that you dare not believe might be possible? Look first and foremost into the life of Jesus, whom the Bible describes as "The Resurrection and The Life." The Bible says that no one who puts their trust in God (through Jesus) will be disappointed. I hope that you have either discovered the wonderful truth of the best hope of all to be found in Jesus, or that you will make the journey to make that discovery for yourself. If you do, you will be joining a very large minority of people who have made the discovery of the empty tomb and all that means for themselves. Happy hunting! Welcome to our

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Alpha course (our "Discovery channel") if you would like to ask hard questions in the hope of finding helpful answers about the Christian faith and life. Just contact me for more details.

A very Happy Easter to you!

*Your friend in Christ,
Richard.*

CHURCH SERVICES – all welcome to every service

Sunday 6 April – Holy Communion service, join us from 11.00am for a cuppa and cake to start at 11.15am.

Sunday 6 April – In The Spirit, a Deanery wide contemporary lay led service starting worship at 6.30pm and refreshments at 6.00pm.

Sunday 13 April Palm Sunday - Morning Worship at 11.15am, join us for a cuppa and cake at 11.00am.

Monday 14 April - Compline Evening service at St Esprit at 7.00pm.

Tuesday 15 April - Compline Evening Service at Holy Trinity at 7.00pm.

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Wednesday 16 April- Tenebrae Evening service and meditations at St. Esprit, 7.00pm.

Thursday 17 April Maundy Thursday - Holy Communion at Holy Trinity, 7.00pm.

Friday 18 April Good Friday - 2.00pm for Stations of the Cross around Long Itchington starting at the village pond and finishing at Holy Trinity Church about 3pm with tea and hot cross buns.

Sunday 20 April EASTER DAY - Holy Communion service, join us from 10.45am for Easter Day refreshments to start at 11.15am.

Sunday 27 April – Morning Worship at 11.15am, join us for a cuppa and cake at 11.00am.

A Message from the Vicarage:

I will be retiring from my post as Priest in charge of both Churches later this year. My final Sunday will be 7 September. Exactly three years since my licensing service.

18 It has been a hard decision

to make, because although I initially hoped to be with you for between 3 - 5 years, I had hoped it would be nearer five years than three. However, as you are aware, Jacqui's health and welfare is a concern, and she has to undergo chemotherapy treatment for the next few months. In addition, with the family being at quite a distance, we feel that now is the time to be more available to see them, especially as weekends are the time that they are more available to be visited.

All this has been a matter of considerable prayer and reflection for us both. We love being here and the kindness we have been shown all through has been exceptional and wonderful. Thank you so much. It will be hard to move on, but we feel that this is right and that there will be someone else to come in due time to be the priest in charge here to serve and minister with you.

We are not moving far away. In fact just to Bishops Itchington, from where we hope to continue to exercise ministry in the local churches of the Deanery as invited. We are so glad that we shall be able to remain in contact and friendship with you at both churches. That is a prospect that helps us a lot.

Thank you for your prayerful support. We have learned a lot from you. There are many things that we shall remember with joy and gratitude, and we thank God for the privilege of being part of the wonderful Long Itchington and Marton Churches and local communities.

With our love and prayers that the future of both Parishes will prosper under God's generous hand of blessing, Richard and Jacqui.

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COFFEE MORNING – 10.30-12 noon Thursday 24 April

Coffee mornings are a lovely time for those available to gather together, with lots of chat and lots of cake, each month is different and everyone is always welcome. Let someone from the PCC know if you are struggling to get to the church for whatever reason.

GATE PIER REPAIRS – these are in progress. Please do respect any guidance to ensure the safety of all during the work.

CHURCHYARD TIDYING & CHURCH CLEANING – HELP REQUIRED PLEASE for working parties on Saturday 26 April between 10.00am and 12.30am both inside and outside (weather permitting) plus an evening option on Wednesday 9 April from 5.30-7.00pm, again weather permitting. There are 2 options as below:

Please bring your own tools to tidy the churchyard as the grass starts to grow and the spring bulbs fade.

Please bring cleaning stuff to clean the church, any help from the more energetic washing of the floors to the more gentle polishing of the brasses is very welcome.

All help is appreciated at these mornings or at any other time to keep your village church and churchyard clean and tidy.

Thanks to Jack, Max and Jess, our Duke of Edinburgh Scheme volunteers who are helping get the graves at the Eastern end of the churchyard under control to allow for easier mowing. Also please note if there are broken or unstable kerbs around graves, we will move them to the boundary of the churchyard, please contact Jenny Walsh if you would like to discuss

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this. Under the current churchyard regulations, only headstones or plaques are permitted.

LENT 2025, “From Ram to Lamb” – Tuesday evenings until 8 April at The Harvester Long Itchington. You are welcome to attend all or one session. If you would like more information, contact us via stespritmarton@gmail.com or Revd Richard (details above).

ALPHA - We will be starting an Alpha course for the Deanery on 30 April. All are welcome to renew, refresh or ask questions about the Christian faith. Suitable for believers, questioners and enquirers! Please contact Revd Richard for more information.

ST ESPRIT ELECTORAL ROLL RENEWAL – we are required to renew the electoral roll this year, if you would like to be an official member of St Esprit please contact Janet Paget or Jenny Walsh for a form or drop an email to stespritmarton@gmail.com

Marton Adverts



ARE YOU PAYING FOR CARE WHEN IT SHOULD BE FREE?



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Napton Easter Art Exhibition

Napton Art Group are holding their annual Easter Exhibition of members' work at Napton Village Hall (CV47 8LS) on:

Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 April 2025 between 10.00am and 4.00pm.

There will be about 200 paintings in all media including oils, watercolour, acrylics and pastels and greetings cards of some of these will be available. Admission is £1 with free entry for children and there will be light refreshments in the pop-up cafe. Everybody who comes can vote for "The People's Favourite" painting. The nominated charity this year is the Air Ambulance. Group members will be displaying small paintings that will be for sale at a cost of £10 with the proceeds going to the charity. Payments for items for sale can now be made by card/ phone as well as cash/ cheques.

The Art Group has a membership that now stands at over 50 and meets every Thursday afternoon at Napton Village Hall and has a programme featuring a wide range of demonstrations and weekend workshops. Visitors who might wish to join the group are welcome on any Thursday afternoon 2 - 4 pm.

Further details from Howard Collerson 01926 813181

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Art Group Cake - thanks to Helen



Marton Spring
Birds: to identify
them see page 15





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