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## Welcome to Spring

So here we are officially in Spring with Winter well behind us as we look forward to some milder weather and lighter evenings.

It would seem that the month of March this year is indeed a busy one. On Sunday 10th we have Mothering Sunday - a very lovely day of celebration and in many ways a remembrance of all the special mum's who are no longer with us in this life but remain eternally in our hearts and minds.

And we have Easter coming at the end of this month - head towards the back of this issue for information on local church services being that being held both in the run up to and throughout.

We'd like to say a big thank you to Abi Garvey for her articles on the allotments. James and Anna will be taking over with the submission of content for this - please see their introductory piece on page 8, we're looking forward to hearing much more from them in the future issues.

We have a big favour to ask of you guys if we may. We love to try our best to keep the Village News as lively and interesting as possible for you folks. With that in mind

we're asking for old memories, experience, photos etc. that you may wish to share with us - it would great if we start running a few Step Back in Time features again.

Also we really like to use local photographs take by our fellow members of the community on our covers - and we've had some absolute stunners to date. Please can you keep sending them over to us so that we can keep them on file to use as fitting throughout the seasons (we'll always credit you on this page)

And one more request before we finish - Steve Colella could use some extra help on the Village Market Committee so if you think you could be of assistance and offer up your skills and experience then please do get in touch with him.

That's all for now! We'll catch up with you all again in April - until then we hope you enjoy the month of March and have a lovely Easter break.

**Alison Akers** Editor

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## COMMUNITY CENTRE TIMETABLE 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
ACTIVE SENIORS 9.30-10.30am 11.15-12.15pm		SLIMMING WORLD 9.30am	LITTLE TREASURES 10.00-11.30am	PILATES WITH YASMIN 9.45am (Female Fit) 10.30am (Mummy & Me)	
	ACTIVE SENIORS 1.20-2.20pm 2.45-3.45pm & tai chi 4.15-5.15pm	LITTLE KICKERS 1.00pm	ACTIVE SENIORS 2.45-3.45pm & tai chi 4.15-5.15pm	WEST GLEN HTM DOG TRAINING 2.00pm	
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On 2nd April we welcome the return of Mary Bodfish who will be sharing 'How we lived then'. History is full of the stories of the rich and powerful, with much less being known about

the lives of 'ordinary' people. One way we can learn snapshots about the lives and homes of our forebears is through probate inventories. In this talk, Mary will use inventories to take a "time machine" tour round the house of a late 17th-century yeoman - and see in detail how his hard-working family cooked, dined, slept, cleaned, and clothed themselves.

The society's meetings are held at 8pm in St Saviour's Hall on the first Tuesday of each month. Visitors are most welcome at all our events.

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Rachel Paget - Secretary**

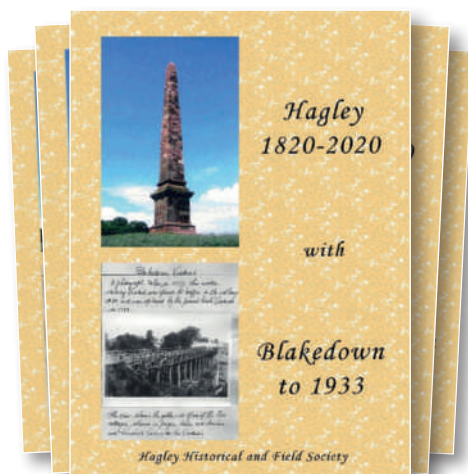


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### NEW BOOK AVAILABLE FROM HAGLEY HISTORICAL AND FIELD SOCIETY

Hagley Historical and Field Society's research group have put together a book which covers many of the fundamental historical facts about Hagley parish over the period 1820 to 2020, including Blakedown when it was included within the parish (up to 1933).

The book is now available, priced at £5, from Jean Atkinson (01562 886549 or 07799 383517 or [HHFSociety@gmail.com](mailto:HHFSociety@gmail.com)), Happy Families in the village and Hagley Library. Alternatively it can be purchased at the society's meetings which are held at 8pm in St Saviour's hall on the first Tuesday of each month.



## HAGLEY SCOUT HUT TIMETABLE 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					Jess PERFORMANCE HUB 8.30-1.00pm
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## THE ARTS SOCIETY - STOURBRIDGE

The Society's March lecture is given by Mary Sharp and has a short title: "The Manufactured Woman: The story of Pandora and how she inspired writers and artists to imagine how and why women came into the world." In Greek legend, Pandora was created expressly to cause trouble to men which, by opening her box, she achieved. An experienced lecturer, broadcaster and teacher, Mary looks at the original sources for the story and draws parallels with Eve in Genesis, Galatea in Ovid and more recently, for example, Coppelia, My Fair Lady, The Winter's Tale and Educating Rita. This event takes place in Stourbridge Town Hall on Thursday 7

March at 10.55 am. It is only open to members and guests of The Arts Society. If you are interested in finding out more about joining us or simply coming to this lecture please contact Neill Robb either on **07484 830487** or email **neillrobb@btinternet.com** as soon as possible.



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## HAGLEY VILLAGE ALLOTMENTS

Welcome to the newest iteration of the Hagley Village Allotment column for 2024. We are sister and brother (Anna and James) and we have a strong family history of growing produce. At least up until now anyway - as we are first time allotmenters having recently taken on an overgrown half plot!

Our late grandfather had an allotment for many years in the 80s and 90s and we have a many happy memories of spending time with him there - albeit it whilst he smoked his pipe with his Condor tobacco and directing us of what to water next from the comfort of his bench...

Our parents also have a successful record in growing award-winning vegetables and flowers in Bewdley - although we've been frequently reminded that they are available now only in an advisory capacity!

We have two main intentions from our first allotment: **1.** Christmas Dinner 2024 with all our own produce (except maybe the turkey). **2.** Development of a sustainable cutting flower garden. Our intentions for this column are to document our journey whilst putting a spotlight on seasonal produce, cooking and preservations - we are both passionate cooks and planners of big cookery projects.

We are excited and really look forward to inviting you along on our exploits! Both of us really enjoyed Abi's columns and hope we can continue her positive legacy...

**James and Anna**





## VILLAGE LADIES

Hello Village Ladies. We were all shocked and saddened to hear that our leader, Sue Billington, passed away in Worcester Hospital on Tuesday 16th January. She will always be remembered and sadly missed by us all. Our first meeting of 2024 was on 9th January when Colin Millett shared with us 'A Collector's Tale of Worcester Porcelain' and on 23rd we were treated to another, but very different, slice of history when Mary Bodfish returned to Village Ladies with 'The History of Smethwick'. This month our meetings are on 12th and 26th March. On 12th, we have the 'The Wildlife of Chaddesley Woods' from Gordon Forrest and on 26th we enjoy the return of Chris O'Grady this time with the

intriguing title 'Keep the Sea on your Left, Turn Right at Land's End'. Who can guess exactly where this will take him?

If you would like to find out more about our group, please ring Anne Poole, **01562 885556** or Ann Pagett, **01562 882692**.

**Ann Pagett**



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## HAGLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

There has been some good progress made on establishing volunteer led 'Community Safety' initiatives to an extent that I'm making a call for volunteers for the three initiatives below. In each case, please contact me with any expressions of interest and I'll follow them up with organising a meeting with the Police to go through them in more detail.

'Community Street Watch scheme' allows you to make a difference where you live. It is made up of groups of volunteers from our local communities who carry out street walks but have no police powers. It allows local people to help improve the neighbourhoods they live in by walking their own streets and providing visible reassurance and appropriate engagement in local issues that matter most.

'Community Speed Watch' is a similar scheme which monitors traffic speed, with the assistance of a police officer, using a 'speed gun'. The difference is that offenders will get a warning letter. Official penalty notices can only be issued by the Police and Safer Roads Partnership.

Youth Club/Youth Hub. As raised in previous updates, there is a lack of youth activities in Hagley and to this end I'm looking at the possibility of setting up weekly youth club/activities in Hagley led by qualified youth workers and police support.

A point in kind is this month's report of a burglary in Newfield Road. This followed several sightings of persons acting suspiciously in the area. I can only assume that these were 'casing out the properties' and looking for opportunities. With the Community Watch scheme, I would hope that an increased, high visible presence would help to deter such people.

There's also been an increase in Anti-Social behaviour down Church Street and the passageway into the playing fields as well as over by Meadow Croft. The culprit(s) of the Church Street and playing fields have been identified and being treated accordingly. The incident in Meadow Croft, has been recorded and made known to the Police.

**Steve Colella - Co-ordinator  
Hagley Neighbourhood Watch**

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## HAGLEY SURGERY PPG

A warm welcome to Mary and Alison, two new members of the PPG, thank you Helen C, who has left the group, for everything that you've done.

At last month's group meeting we had an update from Well Pharmacy as regards staffing as well as the forthcoming changes to services being introduced in Pharmacies, called 'Pharmacy First Services' We no longer need to contact the GP for reasons such as

minor infections, eye infections, or insect bites and we can just go straight to the pharmacy and be treated there. We are told that Well Pharmacy will be prepared for the official launch later this year.

Our next meeting is with the surgery GP management team.

**Steve Colella - Chairman, Hagley PPG**

## HAGLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

A huge thank you to members of the public who took the time to come to the Community Association's AGM and once again thank you to all committee members for such a positive year. All lead members were returned unanimously, and the financial accounts were welcomed and supported.

The Village Market Committee has seen some changes, with Katherine, Nicki and Lucy stating their intension to step down. Mary has kindly stepped in to pick up any slack and we continue to strive forward with firm plans to keep the Village Market going. If you're

reading this and perhaps could bring some market knowledge, experience, and skills to the team, please do contact me.

As I've mentioned many times before Hagley has a fantastic community spirit with plenty of groups helping with our everyday lives. Many of these are supported by local businesses, charities, churches and social prescribers and I wish to sincerely thank them for everything they are doing for us.

**Steve Colella - Chairman  
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Our diary for March starts on 5th with our first internal print competition of the year. We have yet to decide what our topic for 12th will be but most likely will involve some practical work to help members keep their camera skills up to date. Check our website for more information. On 19th we are being 'virtually' visited by our guest speaker, Kim Walton who is presenting his photography of the beautiful Lofoten Islands, when members can come together at our venue for the evening or view it on-line at home. The 26th ends our current season with the Annual General Meeting where we will both plan and elect officials for the year ahead.

Followed by Easter Week there is no meeting on 2nd April and we kick off the new season on 9th April (topic details to follow).

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

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## HAGLEY COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

Mother's Day is earlier this year: March 10th. We are looking forward to playing in the Mothering Sunday Family Communion service in St Saviour's Church at 10.30am. At the beginning of the service, we will be playing "Flower Duet" by Délibes and at the end "The Blackbird" by David Stone. We will also be accompanying the hymns. Our rehearsals will be on Thursdays February 22nd & 29th and March 7th from 5.30-7pm in St Saviour's on the day of the service, we

will rehearse from 9am. After Mothering Sunday, we will continue with our Thursday rehearsals in St Saviour's (excluding April 4th) in preparation for our concert on June 9th at 3pm in St John's Church, Hagley, for 'Music for Sanctuary', raising funds for the homeless. If you would like to join us, please phone or text **07545 773139**

**Cynthia Downes - Musical Director**



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## WORDSLEY AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY - WADS

All the best journeys come in many parts and usually have a relaxing break in between. Take a cruise for example. A Nile cruise. Now, we know that a certain Nile cruise has been going on for a few years. After all, it started in 1937 with a novel called "Death on the Nile." It sailed on for a while, was turned into a film in 1978, an episode in the Poirot series in 2004 and then another film in 2022.

Most importantly for us, as a slight diversion from the main journey, Agatha Christie turned her novel into a play in 1944 – and that very vessel came to birth in Hagley at the beginning of this month. Thank you all who came aboard – but that journey doesn't end there. There is one final berth, at Bank Street Methodist Church Hall in Brierley Hill

on March 20th - 22nd, so if you missed the first trip or fancy another, pop along there. Tickets are available on **01384 270228**, [www.wordsleyamdram.co.uk](http://www.wordsleyamdram.co.uk), or on email [wordsleyamdram@outlook.com](mailto:wordsleyamdram@outlook.com)

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**Andrew Rock**



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## HAGLEY & STOURBRIDGE BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

Insects only have three seasons, Dormant, Flowering and Fruiting. We are in the Flowering season now, it started around the middle of January; you glimpse a patch of Snowdrops and you know Flowering has arrived. The season lasts until near the end of July. The astounding thing about honeybees is that after a windy, wet, cold, and generally

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## HAGLEY U3A

Our regular meeting will be on Wednesday, 6 March, in St Saviour's Church Hall, 13.30 for 13.45. As well as catching up with friends and groups, there will be a talk on Herbert Austin. A reminder too that 5 April the following month is our AGM, when we are expecting quite a turnover of officers on the committee. Our May activity at 14.30 on Thursday, 16 May, will be a visit to the Severn Fish Race at Diglis. This is limited to 18 persons, so please book early from Andrea Price on **07787 501076**. Price is £6.00 - £10 if you join the group for tea at Diglis Hotel.

Stay up-to-date by visiting our website at <https://u3asites.org.uk/hagley/welcome>

For further information, contact Chair, Jane Mottram (**01562 888219**), or Membership Secretary, Ian Powick (**01562 883822**)



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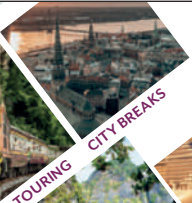
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WFDCNT your local National Trust Support Group raising funds for the preservation of NT properties for the Nation.

Our meeting in March will be a talk by Alan Pearce entitled "Kilimanjaro , Dare to Dream". It will take place on 12th March commencing at 7.30pm at Blakedown Parish Rooms, Belbroughton Road , DY10 3JG

On 9th April we have Chris Green the History Chap making a welcome return visit , this time he will talk about "Athelflaed, Englands Forgotten Warrior Queen" The time and place

of the meeting is the same as in March. You might be interested in his other historical talks on You Tube, they are many and varied .Visitors are welcome to come along For further information see your website [www.wyreforestntcentre.co.uk](http://www.wyreforestntcentre.co.uk)

**Toni Allison on behalf of WFDCNT**



## HAGLEY COUNTRY DANCERS

March is here at last and, after a long and dreary winter, we can welcome longer days and expect some warmer weather. Long days or short, however, there is a warm welcome and good company at the Hagley Country Dancers on a Monday afternoon. If the caller chooses, as Spring approaches, we may perform dances with a seasonal theme, such as "Speed the Plough", a stately longways dance or "The Ploughboy", a more lively 3 couple dance which we dance to the familiar tune. There is always plenty of help for new dancers. There is plenty of space for parking behind the Free Church (via Chapel St.) There is no charge for a first visit, subsequently the cost is £3 per person. For more information, ring June Waterhouse **01562 700639**

## HAGLEY STRING ORCHESTRA

This Spring Term we've been thoroughly enjoying playing a work by the Danish composer Carl Nielsen (1865-1931). As a youngster, Nielsen learnt the trumpet and played in an army band when only 14. He studied violin at the Royal Conservatoire in Copenhagen and played professionally in the Royal Opera orchestra whilst increasingly conducting. This took him on tours to perform in Berlin, London and Paris his repertoire including his own compositions. His international fame grew after WW1, one of his novelties being in his 5th Symphony when he instructs the side-drummer to improvise loudly to drown out the entire orchestra!

He composed his earliest published work, Suite for String Orchestra, in 1888 when he was about 23 and still a student. Its premiere was in the Tivoli Concert Hall whose conductor was famed for helping up-and-coming composers. This delightful work is in three movements – a slow Prelude leading to

a quick Intermezzo and a Finale which starts slowly before erupting into a joyous Allegro – great fun!

We'd love to expand with more players. Our rehearsals are held in the hall behind Hagley Free Church – it has a large carpark – on Tuesday mornings from 10.00 – 12.00 Noon. You'll get a great welcome.

**Jeremy Patterson - Conductor**  
[jeremy.patterson2013@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jeremy.patterson2013@yahoo.co.uk)



## HAGLEY WI

Where does the time fly to..... March already. Last month at Hagley WI we enjoyed Valentine's Day and celebrating Friendship.

We have also been crafting our Green Hearts to 'Show The Love' for our planet and environment. This is very important to us at WI. We do all we can to join in with events or fundraising to give a future to generations to come so they too can enjoy this beautiful planet of ours.

The knitting/crochet ladies amongst us have been very busy 'clicking their needles' making blankets for the neo natal wards of hospitals in our area and beautiful patchwork blankets to send to The Fistula Clinic to help give comfort to a very deserving charity.

Not forgetting our sewing ladies, of course, who are starting a wall hanging of same size squares of material but each one different to show the many and varied aspects of WI life. Maybe you'd like to see our display in the cabinet at Hagley Community Centre. Every month something new.

March sees us learning more about what is being done presently and what can be done to tackle violence against women. Another topic that is vitally important and really shouldn't be taking place in this day and age.

If you would like to meet our lovely ladies, then do come along to one of meetings. No obligation, we have something to offer all year round. Refreshments always available for your enjoyment. If you would like to know more then please do get in touch

**judipriest1@gmail.com**



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## GIRLGUIDING IN HAGLEY

It has been a busy start to the year for Girlguiding groups in Hagley. We went on a district trip to see the Stourbridge Pantomime Puss in Boots which was great fun with lots of participation from the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides.

2nd Hagley Rainbows have been working on their Have Adventures theme - building dens, learning about hibernation and secrets of survival, singing campfire songs and planting seeds to start the term off. 3rd Hagley Brownies have welcomed a new Brown Owl and started the term making life size self portraits. Guides and Rangers from Hagley had a super night

sleeping over at Imagination Street Soft Play Centre in Redditch. They got exclusive use of the trampolines and equipment and enjoyed sleeping over in amongst the play equipment. The leaders seemed to have as much as the girls making the most of the slides.

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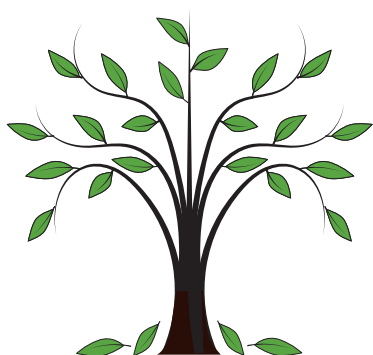
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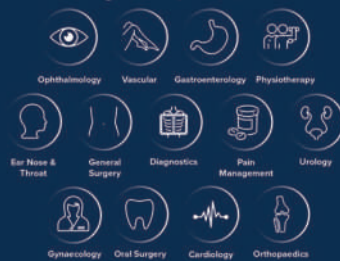
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The competitive badminton season has finally restarted post covid, with a good win for our mixed team over manor badminton club. We are looking forward to a good season on and off court, with Friday club nights thriving and a number of social events planned.

## BLAKEDOWN & HAGLEY TENNIS CLUB

In case you were wondering if we put our feet up during the winter, the answer is definitely NO. There are still the usual friendly mix-in sessions each week plus regular men's, women's and mixed team matches in the Hereford and Worcester League.

We are always being told how important it is to keep fit and enjoy the outdoors, both for our physical and mental wellbeing, especially during the winter months when the tendency is to hunker down and stay indoors. Playing tennis is a great way to get out there and have some fun. Whether you are a seasoned player,

haven't touched a racquet for a while or a beginner you would be most welcome. If we have whetted your appetite just head over to our website: **<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/BlakedownTennisClub>** See you on court!

**Sandy Thomas**



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If you would like to have fun with a purpose, consider joining our club which holds its meeting at 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm on Monday evenings at the Blakedown and Churchill Golf Club. Alternatively try visiting our website at <https://hagleyrotary.wixsite.com/website>

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## ACTIVE SENIORS

It has been great to welcome a number of new local people into Active Seniors classes over the last couple of months. I'm aware that a class in Hagley that had been going for many years sadly recently closed and as a result a number of people who used to attend have made enquiries about classes held at the community centre each week. It's been lovely to welcome them into the fold! However although I have been running classes in at the community centre since 2016 some people were unaware of the exercise options I provide!

So if you know someone that would benefit from adding exercise to their week then please pass this on to them – they may not see the magazine or perhaps live outside the area it is delivered, perhaps in Clent or Belbroughton, so you may be the key person in passing on the information and getting them started!

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**Angela**



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## HAGLEY PROBUS CLUB

In December we held our annual Christmas lunch at which 55 members, wives of current and past members and friends appreciated the traditional fayre as provided by Hagley Golf Club. A very successful and enjoyable way to end another successful year.

At the end of January, we held our annual general meeting. Our outgoing President, David Santus, reported he was leaving office with the Club in good heart and emphasised new members will be most welcome. Attendance at the monthly meetings had been good and members had enjoyed a variety of speakers during the year. Our incoming President, John Stinton, expressed his thanks to David for looking after the Club for the past two years and was looking

forward to his term of office. He reiterated David's comments encouraging new members and was confident the Club will continue to prosper.

The Club offers a warm welcome to retired professional and business gentlemen from Hagley and District who would like to join for a monthly luncheon meeting together with occasional social events and outings. Please contact Alan (hon sec) on **07967 590219**.



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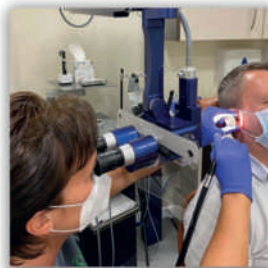
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**MARCH:** In springtime, I love seeing my patio pots overflowing with colourful flowers. Apart from on rainy days when God does the job for me, they need watering. However, it's easy to forget to keep them watered. It's sad to see foliage drooping down the sides of the pots and the soil completely dried up. This makes me realize that I need the water of God's Word as desperately as flowers need water. Jesus promised that if we come to Him and believe in Him, streams of living water will flow from within us. When I take time to read my Bible each day, I feel stronger. When we see flowers wilting due to lack of water, we run for the hose. Perhaps this Easter it's time to stop and think, "Have I turned to Christ lately for a refreshing drink of the water of life?" His glorious resurrection promises us we will never be thirsty again! (Rev'd Tim)

### SERVICES FOR MARCH 2024

Date		Morning 10.30am
03rd March 2024	Communion	Rev. Tim Mullings
10th March 2024	Mothering Sunday	Rev. Peter Bates
17th March 2024		Rev. John Maile
24th March 2024	Palm Sunday	Rev. Tim Mullings
29th March 2024	Good Friday - 7pm	Rev. Tim Mullings
31st March 2024	Easter Sunday	Rev. Tim Mullings

**BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER GROUP** Is meeting every Friday 2:30pm in the upstairs room.

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**CHURCH OFFICE** Monday, Thursday, Friday: 8.30am - 12.00pm

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**THURSDAY 7TH MARCH:** CLENT MOTHERS' UNION 2.00pm at Clent Parish Hall

**THURSDAY 21ST MARCH:** HAGLEY MOTHERS' UNION 2.30pm at St Saviour's Hall

Holy Week and Easter falls towards the end of March – when we remember the events in Jesus' life from Palm Sunday through Good Friday to Easter Day.

### HOLY WEEK 2024

Monday - Wednesday 25th-27th March

8.00pm Compline on Zoom

**Maudy Thursday** 28th March

10.30am Holy Communion at ST SAVIOUR'S

8.00 pm Compline on Zoom

**Good Friday** 29th March

9.30am Hot Cross Bun breakfast at

ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH HALL

10.30am Good Friday Prayer Stations at

ST SAVIOUR'S

2.00pm The Objects of the Cross at ST JOHN'S

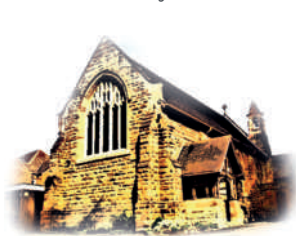
For Good Friday at St Leonard's see

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### SUNDAY WORSHIP FOR HAGLEY AND CLENT - MARCH 2024

Date	10.30am
03rd March 2024	Holy Communion at St John's Holy Communion at St Leonard's
10th March 2024 Mothering Sunday	Holy Communion/Sunday Club at St Saviour's Worship 4 All at St Leonard's
17th March 2024 Passiontide	Holy Communion at St John's Family Service - Café Church at St Saviour's
24th March 2024 Palm Sunday	Holy Communion/Sunday Club at St Saviour's Holy Communion at St Leonard's
31st March 2024 Easter Day	Family Communion at St John's Family Communion at St Leonard's

There is a said service of Holy Communion in St Leonard's at 10.30 am on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month, and in St Saviour's at 10.30 am every Thursday. Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to enquire about a baptism or wedding





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### LITTLE TREASURES

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