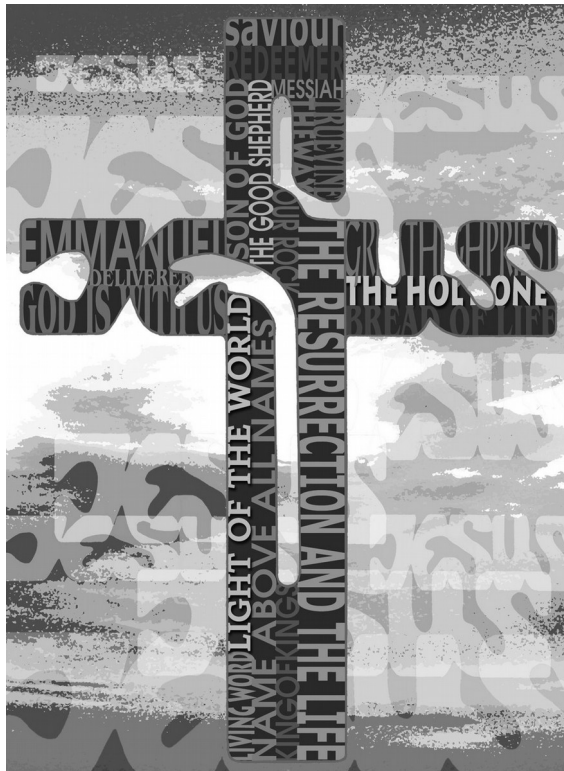


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Wimbish 11.00 **Palm Sunday Service**

April 9th **Maundy Thursday**
Wimbish **7pm** **Seder Meal**

April 10th **Good Friday**
Debden 12 - 1 An Hour at The Cross
Wimbish **2 - 3** **An Hour at The Cross**

April 12th **Easter Day**
Debden 9.15 Holy Communion
Wimbish **11.00** **Holy Communion**



April 19th **Easter 2**
Debden 9.15 Holy Communion
Wimbish **11.00** **Matins**

April 26th **Easter 3**
Debden 9.15 Matins
Wimbish **11.00** **Holy Communion**

In our prayers:

We give thanks for the life of Val Jozunas and pray she may rest in peace. And we remember all her family and friends, may they find comfort and healing.

Lord, help me to live this day quietly, easily
To lean on thy great strength trustfully, restfully
To await the unfolding of your will, patiently, serenely
To speak with others peacefully, joyously
To face tomorrow, confidently, courageously
Amen

CHURCH LETTER

Dear Friends

I wrote last month of the season of Lent being a period of self-examination. Whatever is going on in our private lives, it seems there is much to reflect on in the world around us. There is the coronavirus contagion that dominates the news headlines at every turn and the tightening guidelines to help stop its spread throughout our nation and of course the world. As I write, I am just beginning to hear of people selecting to self-isolate in response to guidance being given. By the time you read this, I expect there will be more stringent measures being advised.

At a more local level, there has been the tragic death of Val Jozunas from our village. The circumstances of her death has not been detailed and perhaps some supposition has filled in the gaps for the news that has been spreading around the village. What is certain though is that it is a tragedy for the whole family leaving many in the community bewildered. It was good to have a small number from the village join us for our prayer group early in March reflecting on and praying for those affected by this tragic event. A bible reading I used at a Sunday service recently was John 9:1-12. It is the story of a man born blind being healed by Jesus. The religious leaders looking on seemed more interested in what the 'sin' was that caused the blindness and where the authority of Jesus to heal came from, rather than the miracle of restored sight itself.

This is a good message for us too. Sometimes, we are like the religious leaders and can be too focused on the cause of the problem - the 'why has this happened?' question. Whereas we should be more focused on our response – the 'what shall I do, how should I respond?' question, which of course is what Jesus focuses on and brings healing to the man.

I certainly haven't got answers to all the why questions we may have and I suggest people of any faith with integrity would never claim to have them. However, in faith I can claim the hope we have in the message of Easter – that even the darkness of death can be overcome with resurrection new life in Jesus. In the face of the coronavirus and a tragic death, I find Jesus gives comfort, peace and the possibility of new beginnings in a sometimes-bewildering world.

I wish you all the happiness and hope of Easter and the opportunity of new life through the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Easter Blessings

Rev'd John Saxon



Diary dates (all events are at St Paul's Mission Room)

Thursday 2nd April	Church AGM 7.45
Thursday 2nd April	Wimbish Tots 1.30
Thursday 23rd April	Café Church 10.30
Friday 24th April	The Wimbish Lunch 12.00 (phone 599000)
Saturday 25th April	Coffee Morning 10.00

All these events are likely to be cancelled
as advised by the government.

But we hope to re establish them as soon as possible.

Meanwhile, if you need support or help feel free to phone
Rev John Saxon 541619
And see page 8 for details of the
Wimbish Community Group

Good Companions

On 9th March 23 members were welcomed by Col Garcia, to the officers' mess at Carver Barracks where refreshments were waiting for us in a very pleasant lounge. After enjoying tea and biscuits we were shown to another room where an amazing collection of ordnance was displayed at the front.

Major Gary Price, a senior bomb disposal expert, went through them starting with the earliest, from World War 1 through to bombs, grenades and mines used in recent years, explaining briefly how they worked, their primary purpose and some of the challenges faced in disarming them. Major Price's extensive knowledge and capacity for explaining everything in detail provided an entertaining and educational afternoon laced with a degree of humour.

After thanks had been given, Col Garcia kindly told us he would like to invite us to return in better weather, to be shown around to see how the barracks has grown and developed since the days of RAF Debden, which many of us remember. The afternoon was enjoyed by all. *Jenny Hare*

PRAYER GROUP and MORNING PRAYER

The prayer group will not be meeting for a while, but prayers will be said by individuals for those in need, our community, and the world
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What are we doing with our two minutes of our custody.

Jacky Haigh

*****Things to do while you're self isolating*****

* We're all going to have a lot more time spent at home in the next *
 * few weeks, so use the time not just to catch up on household *
 * jobs but to stimulate and interest you. *

* Here's some ideas, and let me know what else you've done and we *
 * can share it in the next magazine. *

* Learn to juggle *

* Plant seedlings *

* Write a poem *

* Read a book *

* Start an online course *

* Learnt to do origami *

* Knit, sew, crochet *

* Sing *

* Do some exercise (use an online app or a DVD) *

* Order a take away for a treat *

* Listen to music *

* Make greetings cards (and send them to people you want to keep *
 * in touch with) *

* Do a jigsaw puzzle *

* Doodle, colour or draw *

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From the pew at the back

I am writing this on the day we have been told not to go to pubs, clubs and theatres due to the Coronavirus. I have no idea what will have happened by the time you read this. This is the first time I have experienced such a thing in my lifetime but I know some people reading this have known uncertain times before and I just wonder what lessons we could learn by talking to those people .

I can only be guided by the stories and memories my family and friends have shared over the years about wartime and alike. I am so grateful they have shared these memories because it allows me to separate the information the media sends out, from what we might expect will happen. By all accounts when the chips were down everyone pulled together . People looked out for each other and looked after one another. This is the fundamental lesson we need to take with us through this new challenging time.

We need to think of others needs when we go shopping, think about what we can do to help, and think about the impact on those around not just what is happening to us.

After all “A new commandment I give to you, That you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.”

We are so fortunate in Wimbish that people are already putting this into practice by organising a community hub and various ways to provide assistance. We have a wonderful community which truly cares. To some extent our actions might be limited by the advice from the government and other powers, but our love for one another and common sense must also come into play , and perhaps we have to be creative with our solutions.

I for one will be praying for guidance on how I can make a difference at this time. Maybe we won't be able to have a coffee morning but perhaps we can meet in other ways to support each other and stay connected. I am hopeful by the time you read this we will have been able to do that, even if we have to bring our own cuppa in our own mug!

I pray you will all be safe and cared for and if I can do anything to help please feel free to ask at anytime. With love Tracey

Hello.....

My name is **Leigh Todd** - Owner of the White Hart Wimbish. We have recently started a Community Group for residents of Wimbish, and we meet every first Saturday of the month in the White Hart, from 5.00 p.m.

In doing our committee one of the things we have set up is a Wimbish Community Services Help group.

The idea is that if you require Help with any of the following - you would call **01799 599030** and speak to me Leigh Todd and I will sort a person to come and help you with your request.

We are not talking major jobs just the little things you may need help with.

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General weeding in the garden	

Something fixing

Someone to talk to / have coffee

Just call on **01799 599030** and we will do the rest.....

Especially now with Coronavirus if you require anything please let us know. The Wimbish Community Group.

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Church website

The Church has it's own website www.wimbishchurch.org.uk.

This is in addition to the parish magazine. We will try hard to keep it informative and up to date. Please take a look - it can be accessed via the village website too. Fran

The Mystery of prayer – adapted from Helen Steiner Rice

Beyond that which words can interpret
Or theology can usefully explain
The soul feels a shower of refreshment
That falls like the gentle rain
On hearts that are parched with problems
And are searching to find the way
To somehow attract God's attention
Through well-chosen words as we pray,
Not knowing that God in His wisdom
Can sense all human worry and woe
For there is nothing we human's conceal
that God does not already know...
So kneel in prayer in his presence
And you'll find no need to speak
For softly in silent communion
God grants you the peace that you seek.

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If you think your child (5-10 yrs.) would benefit from a little help with Maths. or English I have a space at present.

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April	19	Tracey & Jill
April	26	Fran & Sarah



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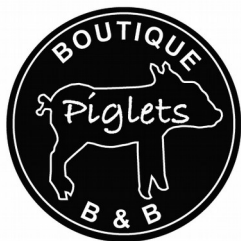


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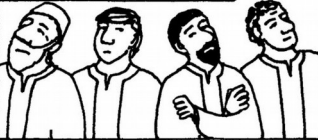


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got very dirty.

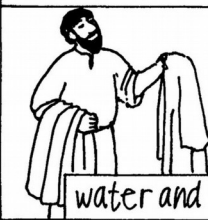
It was the job of the
least important
servant to wash
everyone's feet...



The disciples didn't have
a servant, and none of
them wanted to do the
feet washing...



Jesus took off his outer robe and tied a
towel around his waist.



He filled a large bowl with
water and started washing the disciples' feet.



Peter couldn't believe
what he was seeing!



Are you really going
to wash my feet?

You will understand later
why I am doing this.



I can't ever let you
serve me like this!

If you don't let me, you
will no longer be my
disciple



Then wash all of me!

If you've had a
bath, then you
only need your
feet washing!



Once Jesus had washed
all their feet, he put his
robe back on and sat down.



Do you
understand
why I, your
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3 April - Richard of Chichester - more clearly, dearly and nearly

Ever wonder where the prayer ... *'May I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly, day by day'* comes from? Richard of Chichester, a bishop in the 13th century, wrote it.

He began life as Richard de Wych of Droitwich, the son of a yeoman farmer. But Richard was a studious boy, and after helping his father on the farm for several years, refused an advantageous offer of marriage, and instead made his way to Oxford, and later to Paris and Bologna to study canon law.

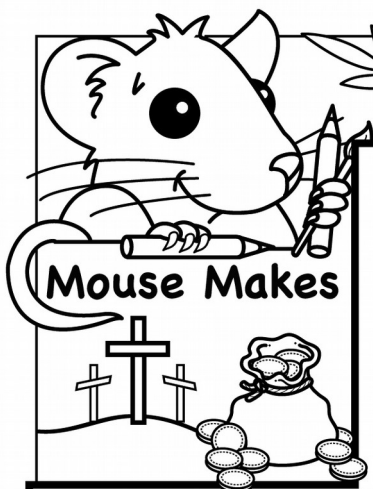
In 1235 he returned to Oxford, and was soon appointed Chancellor, where he supported Edmund, Archbishop of Canterbury, in his struggles against King Henry III's misuse of Church funds. After further study to become a priest, Richard was in due course made a bishop himself. He was greatly loved. He was charitable and accessible, both stern and merciful to sinners, extraordinarily generous to those stricken by famine, and a brilliant legislator of his diocese. He decreed that the sacraments were to be administered without payment, Mass celebrated in dignified conditions, the clergy to be chaste, to practise residence, and to wear clerical dress. The laity was obliged to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days, and to know by heart the Hail Mary as well as the Lord's Prayer and the Creed.

Richard was also prominent in preaching the Crusade, which he saw as a call to reopen the Holy Land to pilgrims, not as a political expedition. He died at Dover on 3 April 1253.

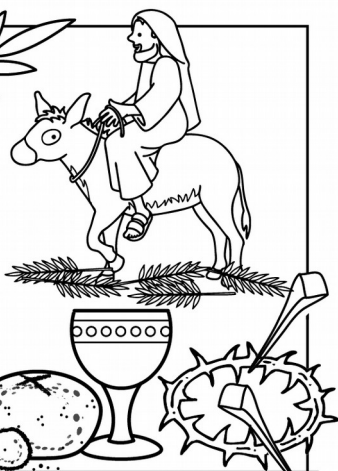
In art, Richard of Chichester is represented with a chalice at his feet, in memory of his having once dropped the chalice at Mass! One ancient English church is dedicated to him.

And, of course, he is author of that famous prayer, now set to popular music :

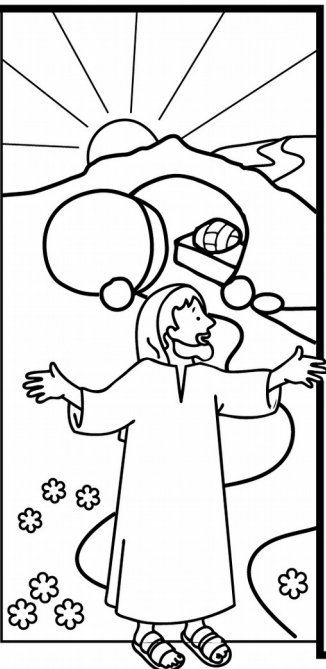
*Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ
For all the benefits thou hast given me,
For all the pains and insults which thou hast borne for me.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
May I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly
And follow thee more nearly, day by day.*



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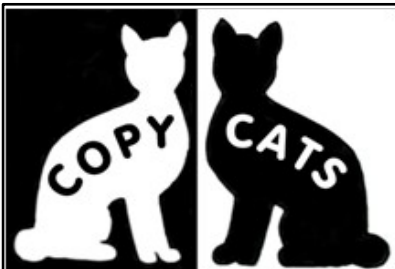
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