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*St Peter's Church, Marchington*  
*St John's Church, Marchington Woodlands*

# **WELCOME to the PARISH NEWS for APRIL 2022**

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## Hope and Truth are our Reference Points

*Bishop Michael Ipgrave reminds us that in these troubled times our faith not only tells us how the world actually is, but it also how it could be when God's purposes are fulfilled.*



At the time of writing this, the situation in and around Ukraine seems to be deteriorating, with many citizens in Kyiv and Kharkiv sheltering in underground stations and others heading towards the borders, with Russian soldiers apparently bewildered at what they are being asked to do and Russian civilians reeling under the impact of sanctions, with a rising death toll and escalating anxieties, and with all of us trying to come to terms with how quickly and dreadfully Europe has become a theatre of war. Jesus' words to his disciples about 'wars and rumours of wars' have suddenly come to have a new urgency – not simply a saying from long ago, but a description of our own times.

And these terrible developments have followed close on the heels of other

events which have reminded us of the fragility of life: just as we were emerging from two years of the scourge of the COVID pandemic, with all the traumatic suffering, mental and physical, that brought, three successive storms in less than a week hit our beleaguered island, bringing widespread disruption, damage and destruction. And then, to cap it all, there was an earthquake – admittedly a small one, but as its epicentre was Walsall it felt very close to home.

The popular press increasingly uses one word for events of this kind and for their impact on human beings. Widespread scenes of climatic devastation, massive crowds of displaced people, terrible scenes of military destruction – all are regularly described as being 'biblical' in scale. In fact, it is

probably the case that the use of the word ‘biblical’, outside the Church, is now almost restricted to situations of catastrophic malfunction and suffering.

It seems to me that this both expresses a profound truth and at the same time completely misses the point. The truth is that the Bible is set in a world which is full of violence, division, pain and anxiety. And the faith of Christians, shaped by the biblical witness as we are, does not try to pretend that the world as we know it is a safe, comfortable or easy place to live. The biblical writers describe the societies in which they lived with searing honesty and unflinching challenge, and we in our turn know from the teachings of our faith that the world is not how God wants it to be.

But that is only half the picture. Our faith indeed tells us how the world actually is, but it also reminds us of how it could be – of how it will be when God’s purposes are fulfilled. We have a message not only of realism but also of hope, and it is for hope that our society is so hungry. Christian hope is not a mere cheerful optimism, but a solid expectation built upon the truth that Jesus’ cross and resurrection of-

fers a better way for us to live than the sad and destructive ways of the world. And hope built on faith helps us to do what Jesus told his disciples to do in their own violent and conflicted times: ‘Hold your heads high, because your redemption is at hand’.

As our churches enter into the wonderful season of Lent, given for our refreshing as we prepare to celebrate the triumphant feast of Easter, what we offer above all to our troubled times is a commitment to pray. Prayer changes many things, and most of all it changes us, because it aligns our wills to God’s will. So through prayer we see the sin of the world more clearly as God sees it, and we imagine the glory of the world more vividly as God would have it be. My prayer at a time like this is twofold: first, ‘*Lord, have mercy*’; and then, ‘*Your kingdom come*’. Have mercy on us all in the mess we have made of your world; and renew our hope to work for Jesus’ kingdom of justice and peace.

**The Rt Revd Dr Michael Ipgrave**

**Bishop of Lichfield**

# CHURCH EVENTS - SAVE THE DATE!



## **Easter Jamboree - April 3rd. 3pm to 5pm**

A time for anyone of any age to come and join us for worship, activities, games .

And tea and cake.

Do come and join us! Everyone welcome.

## **Palm Sunday - 10th April at 10am.**

A service of reflection for Holy Week

All welcome



## **Good Friday - April 15th. 10am to 1pm**

Pop into the church and experience Jesus' journey to the cross through a variety of pictures painted by modern artists.

A time for quiet and reflection.

## **Easter Sunday - April 17th at 10am**

A service of rejoicing for our risen Lord.

All welcome



## **Queens Jubilee - The Big Brunch**

**Sunday June 5th at 11.30am**

Bring a plate of food to share, savoury or sweet.

Tables and chairs all along the church pathway. We can sit 100 people!

So do come along so as a community we can celebrate our queens platinum jubilee along with the rest of the nation.

Our own street party!



## **St Peter's Edward Bear Club**

For children aged 0 to 3 years and their parents or carers. The club is not currently meeting, but we look forward to resuming sessions as soon as we judge that it is safe to do so. Anyone interested please contact Thelma by email.

[Thelmabrassington@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Thelmabrassington@yahoo.co.uk)

07477 667970

# PARISH OF ST PETER'S MARCHINGTON

## REVISION OF CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

### Notice is hereby given

that the Church Electoral Roll of the above parish will be revised by the Parochial Church Council, beginning on **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2022**, and ending on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022**.

After such revision, a copy of the Roll will be available for inspection on reasonable request from **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April to Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2022**.

Under the Church Representation Rules any lay persons are entitled to have their names entered on the roll if they -

- i. are baptised and aged 16 or over;
- ii. have signed a form of application for enrolment;  
*and either*
- iii. are members of the Church of England or any Church in communion with the Church of England being resident in the parish or (not being resident in the parish) having habitually attended public worship in the parish during the six month period prior to the application for enrolment;  
*or:*
- iv. are members in good standing of a Church (not in communion with the Church of England) which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity declaring themselves also to be members of the Church of England and having habitually attended public worship in the parish during the period of six months prior to enrolment.

Forms of application for enrolment can be obtained from the church wardens, who should be contacted **before 5<sup>th</sup> April**. In order to be entitled to attend the annual parochial church meeting and to take part in its proceedings, forms of application for enrolment **must be returned by Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022** for the ending of the revision of the Electoral Roll by the Parochial Church Council.

Any error discovered in the roll should at once be reported to the undersigned.

Signed: Mrs L. Nicholson. 821374.      Mr. S Halcrow. 820346  
Church Wardens

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February 2022

**MARCHINGTON ST PETER'S CHURCH**  
**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL  
MEETINGS OF PARISHIONERS TO BE HELD ON  
THURSDAY 21st APRIL 2022 IN THE WILFRED APPLEBY VESTRY,  
COMMENCING AT 7.30PM**

**AGENDA**

**ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS**

1. Election of Churchwardens  
Mrs. Lynda Nicholson & Mr. Sandy Halcrow offer themselves for re-election.
2. Election of Deputy Church Wardens  
*(Nominations welcome for both churchwardens and deputy churchwardens positions. - please note that you must complete a nomination form (available from the PCC Secretary, Kate Hart) & obtain the written consent to be nominated from any person you may wish to nominate)*

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.
2. Matters Arising.
3. Confirmation of new Electoral Roll
4. Elections - Parochial Church Council.
  - Sides Persons
  - Deanery Synod Representatives
5. Appointment of Auditor
6. Annual Accounts
8. Any Other Business of which due notice (not less than 14 days) has been given to the Secretary.

NB. The meeting will be followed by an informal supper. Attendees requested to bring a plate of food, which will be pooled. Wine & coffee will be available.

Kate Hart  
PCC Secretary

## **Are you good with figures?**



**St. Peter's Church Marchington PCC are looking for a volunteer Treasurer with a background in money management. This would be to work initially alongside our Acting Treasurer with a view to training for the position of PCC Treasurer later.**

**For more details, ring Thelma Brassington**

**Mobile 07477 667970 - preferably 9.00am to 4.00pm**

## **John Landells**



The Landells family want to thank Lee Field (Field Funeral Services) and Rev Charles Dale for their wonderful support to our family for the funeral and interment of John's ashes.

## **MARCHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL - CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

April is here already and whilst there are many horrible things happening around the world our parish remains a lovely place to live. Having said that, the 'pond' on the B5017 at Birch Cross returned and Staffordshire Highways are looking to rectify it on March 18<sup>th</sup>. This is a dangerous stretch of road anyway and it doesn't need this other obstacle to make it worse.

Down at the Community Orchard, a new willow arbour has been constructed and paid for by funding from the 'Transforming the Trent Valley' Fund, the Parish Council and the Friends of Marchington. This improves an already beautiful area.

With reference to the Fibre Broadband initiative, I think congratulations are in order for the band of volunteers in the Parish, and in Draycott, who inspired people to sign up. At the time of going to press, I don't know if Openreach will put us forward to the next stage, but fingers crossed.

On the subject of flooding, we have arranged an Open Meeting with the Environment Agency on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> April, 4pm to 7pm, at Marchington Village Hall. This will be a 'drop-in' session with a view to learning more about natural flood management and the work already undertaken in Marchington Woodlands. Environment Agency representatives will be on hand to answer your questions, so please come along.

The recycled plastic picnic tables have arrived and will soon be installed in the Silver Lane playing fields area. There will also be two traditional wooden picnic tables by the poplar trees at the Cricket Club, in time for the new season which starts this month.

Up in the Woodlands, sadly there have been more instances of flytipping. If you see anything suspicious, please contact the Parish Clerk, Becci Ede, by email on [marchingtonpc@gmail.com](mailto:marchingtonpc@gmail.com).

Finally, I am delighted to inform you of our new Parish Councillor, Rosemary Roberts, who has joined us. Rose will be a valuable addition to the Council, particularly with her knowledge of Forestside, Birch Cross and the Woodlands.

Finally, I can confirm that the Parish Council will be a sponsor for this year's Marchington Festival on 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> June.

All for now, enjoy the Spring!

Ian Morgan, Chair, Marchington Parish Council

## Marchington Garden Guild

Sadly the Garden Guild, due to diminishing members, has had to close. It was started in the 1960's, providing locals with a place to listen to speakers, who provided excellent tips on gardening, photography, plant sales and all manner of plant growing information. Our members regularly won prizes at the County Garden Guild shows, and our Guild hosted a yearly Rose Show, which was open to non members and was fiercely competitive!



The Guild will be remembered with much fondness of past and present members and the lovely times we had.

The monies left over from the club, have been used to purchase a bench with a plaque, which is placed outside the village hall.

The garden on the left of the village hall, has also been funded by the Guild, a living memory of good times had. There is another plaque there too.

The balance will be used for a farewell afternoon tea at Marsh Farm for those members who can attend.

Janey Hilton

## Marchington Singers 'Spring Song'.



Golden daffodils and small green leaves are heralding the approach of Spring - along with white blossom in the hedgerows! It is amazing how much more cheerful everything looks with a blue sky and longer days. The rehearsals for our Spring Concert, which had to be cancelled two years ago, are going well and tickets are now on sale - see page 13. We hope that you will support us again and bring your friends and neighbours along to our concert packed with old favourites and some new pieces for your enjoyment. Looking forward to seeing you at St Mary's Church Uttoxeter.

Shirley Horton, Chairman Marchington Singers.

### **MOBILE LIBRARY**

Are you taking advantage of this excellent service which is available to us in Marchington? The mobile library is outside Marchington Village Hall fortnightly on Thursdays between 2.15 and 3.15pm. The dates for April are 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

If you value this service, it is important to show the County Council that there is a demand for it. You can find further information at the following web site: <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Libraries/mobilelibraries/mobile2/routes/route04.aspx>

**THE MARCHINGTON SINGERS  
IN CONCERT**

present

**Spring  
Song**

A decorative illustration on the right side of the poster. It features a butterfly with intricate wing patterns at the top, and a branch with several large, five-petaled flowers and leaves below it. The illustration is rendered in a light, sketchy style.

*A Concert of  
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or any member of  
The Marchington Singers  
or on the door



**FRIDAY 17<sup>th</sup> - SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2022**

**INCORPORATING MARCHINGTON'S  
PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS**

**EVENTS CONFIRMED SO FAR INCLUDE:**

- Open Gardens
- Scarecrow Competition
- Vintage and Military Vehicle Display
  - Food Fair & BBQ
  - Rounders Tournament
    - Craft Fair
    - Daft Dog Show
  - Three-legged Brook Run
- Exhibition of Church Artefacts
- Tug-o-War & other Family Games
  - Owl Display
  - Musical Performances

***...and there's more to come yet!***

**EVENING ENTERTAINMENT IN THE FESTIVAL MARQUEE  
ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY!!**

*More details to follow....*

[www.marchingtonfestival.co.uk](http://www.marchingtonfestival.co.uk)



[marchingtonvillagefestival@gmail.com](mailto:marchingtonvillagefestival@gmail.com)

# Marchington 10k, Fun Run and Little Legs Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2022

## Start Times

10k – 9.30am    Fun Run – 10.30am    Little Legs – 11.15am

## Entry Options

10k - Adv £15/On the Day £20  
Fun Run - Adv £5/On the Day £8  
Little Legs - £3



**Start Location  
Marchington  
Cricket Club ST14  
8LW**

**Parking Available  
Silver Lane  
Playing Field**

**[Facebook.com//groups/Marchington10k](https://www.facebook.com/groups/Marchington10k)**

Did you know that we deliver 'Welcome Packs' to new residents? We aim to get to every new person in the village and Marchington Woodlands with a bag of goodies and information and hope this will encourage new people to use the shop. If you know of a new resident, please let us know in the shop 01283 821248.

Sorry to say that our costs are going up, as is happening everywhere. We will do our very best to limit price increases as a result. One example of our increased costs comes from our grocery wholesaler, who now will charge us £10 every time we pick up an order. We order every week and have a team of six volunteers who drive to Burton to pick the order up on a rota basis. Up to now, we have ordered on-line, the day before, and they have assembled the order for no charge. This has now changed and will cost the shop £500 a year from April. There don't seem to be any reasonable wholesaler alternatives, unfortunately, so we are stuck with this arrangement.

However, we will continue to be smart on purchasing items for the shop, by looking for the best deals that we can get and pass on the benefits to our customers. Areas where we know we can offer particularly good value for money are in our wine selection and our greetings cards, both due to dedicated work, skill and knowledge from shop volunteers.

Liz Morgan, Chair, Marchington Village Shop

# Open Gardens

## Sat 18<sup>th</sup> and Sun 19<sup>th</sup> June



We are pleased to say we will be repeating our popular annual Open Gardens event again this year as part of the Marchington Festival. If you would like to open your garden on one or both of the dates above then please contact either

[gill.scarlett@hotmail.com](mailto:gill.scarlett@hotmail.com) or [janey.hilton123@gmail.com](mailto:janey.hilton123@gmail.com)

Your garden does not need to be perfect so don't worry and its great fun showing off your garden and welcoming visitors from far and wide.

The proceeds from this event go directly to help support Marchington Community shop.

## Marchington WI

Unfortunately, owing to the flooding in and around the village, our February meeting was cancelled but, luckily, we were able to re-book our speaker, the Stafford Street Pastors, for March. Our meetings are always held after the deadline for the parish magazine so we are always out of sync. As a result, I am unable to tell you how much we enjoyed her talk. The street pastors work with the homeless so members have been asked to gather various items, such as bottles of water, tissues, gloves, hats etc. which will be useful.

Our April meeting will be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> and is our AGM. The annual reports will be approved as well as the new committee. The speaker is Bob Neil, whose talk is entitled Grannies Attic.

My apologies for such a brief report. Hopefully there will be more to tell you next month. New members are always welcome so feel free to come along. We meet on the third Monday of each month in the village hall, or contact Sheila Jones for more information (01283 820576).

*Gill King*

## Marchington Village Hall News - April 2022

Over twenty keen stallholders have signed up to show the results of their various crafts at our craft fair, planned for the Festival weekend of 18-19 June. This will be a valuable draw for the village hall, come rain or shine. It promises to be a busy weekend and we will be serving light refreshments throughout the Festival opening hours.

Marchington Garden Guild, under the watchful eye of Pete Speed as chairman, was a valuable and much loved addition to village life. Both the Garden Guild and Pete have been commemorated at Marchington Village Hall. Firstly, the planting organised by Janey Hilton and her Friends of Marchington volunteers will be a year-round reminder of the skills of Garden Guild members. Now we also have a fine bench, positioned to catch the morning sun and remind everyone of Marchington Garden Guild. We are very grateful to former Garden Guild members, Pete Speed and Janey and friends for their legacy to the village hall.



**We still need a local person who is handy and can do odd jobs for us. The post is paid. Please contact Andrew Mann in the first instance on 07887 988715.**

Don't forget, if you want to book Marchington Village Hall, please email Ginny Odey on [marchingtonvillagehallbookings@hotmail.com](mailto:marchingtonvillagehallbookings@hotmail.com) or call her on 07810 830268. You can check what's happening and availability on the hall calendar at <https://www.marchingtonvillagehall.org/calendar.html>.

*Geraldine Flavell*

# Marchington Tennis and Bowls Club



The new season has started – come and join us.

## Open Day

We are holding an Open Day on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April between 11.00am and 4pm. If you have been wondering whether or not to join the club and would like more information or would like to have a go at tennis (maybe trying the ball machine that will be on site) or bowls then please do come along. For tennis members we have 2 courts which were refurbished last year and provide an excellent playing surface. For bowlers we have a small, but interesting, green with beautiful views towards Silver Lane. From April onwards there are organised group sessions for both tennis and bowls and the courts and green are available for members to organise their own games. We also run a tennis coaching programme from May onwards which caters for all ages and abilities. The club is located down an access track off High Street. On the day there will be a sign to the club placed by the entrance to the track.

## 100 Club

Pre pandemic we ran a '100 club' with cash prizes awarded monthly...and we would like to restart this. It provides a bit of fun...and helps raise some funds to maintain our facilities. The entry fee will be £12 for 12 months (with a draw conducted each month) and we would like to start the draws in May. We will call during April to see whether or not you would like to participate. The '100 club' will be open to both members and non-members of the Tennis and Bowls club.

## Membership

The membership year starts in April with subscriptions due by the end of this month. Rates for 2022 are

Tennis single	£44
Tennis couple	£77

Tennis junior <16	£28
Child at 1 <sup>st</sup> school	£24
Full time student 16-22 years	£30
Family	£105

Bowls single	£34
Bowls couple	£60

### **Further information**

If you cannot come to the Open Day but would like more information about the club please email

Bowls - Mark Flavell ([markpflavell@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:markpflavell@yahoo.co.uk))

Tennis - Ginny Odey ([ginnyodey@gmail.com](mailto:ginnyodey@gmail.com))

## **Bulls Head Marchington Football Club**



### **Results:**

13<sup>th</sup> February- match postponed

20<sup>th</sup> February- no match

27<sup>th</sup> February- BHMFC 5 - 2 Blue Mugge - Ken Green cup quarter final

6<sup>th</sup> March - Windmill 1 -8 BHMFC- Sentinel cup

13<sup>th</sup> March- Tean Rangers - 1 -6 BHMFC- Charity cup quarter final

# Utoxeter Cricket Club

## All Stars Cricket at Utoxeter Cricket Club



Do you have a child between 5 and 8 years old who would like to play cricket on Friday evenings?

Registrations are now open for All Stars Cricket at Utoxeter CC. This is a dedicated programme for boys and girls of all ability levels. Usually an 8 week summer programme, participants at Utoxeter CC are welcome to commence Friday night training at the start of our 2022 season. There is no extra charge and this means that they can begin training on Friday 22nd April and continue until Friday 16th September.

All Stars Cricket at Utoxeter CC represents excellent value for money at £40 for 22 weeks of cricket. Your child will also receive a backpack, bat, ball and personalised t-shirt with their name on. Please sign up using the link below or contact James on 07961 208 354 if you have any questions.

<https://allstarscricket.co.uk/uttoxeter>

## Nature Notes

Spring has arrived and the survivors of the winter, are hastily passing on their potent genes. Natural selection is of the utmost importance for the natural world to keep in kilter.

### Community Orchard

We have two fabulous new additions to our community orchard. A living willow arbour and inside it, a rustic seat.



The seat, sourced from Staunton Harold estate and assembled by Kev and Leigh, is made of oak and ash. Thank you to them both, for erecting it in very cold, wet conditions.

The arbour, made from Common Osier, a sustainable, traditional, centuries old building material, has been constructed by Eddie Glew, master basket weaver of Blithfield Willowcrafts. This aesthetically pleasing, environmentally friendly, living structure, dovetails with Marchington brook and will cope with any flood occurrence. It's aim is to provide another area for quiet contemplation and a wildlife watch zone. Alder trees have been planted on the curve of the brook here too. Their roots, in time, will shore up the bank, to alleviate flood water erosion.

A huge thank you to the charity, Transforming The Trent Valley, and our Parish Council for helping coordinate and part fund this delightful project.

### **Alder Trees**

Pollen grains from this tree, found in peat deposits, show that these trees have been established in Britain for thousands of years. Although not a graceful tree, it is planted to hold the banks of rivers and lakes firm against erosion. The durable



yellow wood is favoured for making clogs and broom handles and the long, wind pollinated catkins, eventually produce fir cone like outgrowths, which keep the seed afloat on water. The cities of Venice and Amsterdam were built upon alder piles. Once submerged, the wood becomes as hard as stone and for this reason, Neolithic settlers chose it for building tracks over the Somerset Levels.

## Hedgehogs

We now have 2 more hedgehog boxes in the orchard, making a total of 4. Thank you again to Leigh for making them.

Four rescued hedgehogs, from The British Wildlife Rescue Centre in Stafford, have been released, with a view to establishing a small family there, and a feeding station has been put in place to help them settle.



Now that we are starting to venture out into our gardens again, please remember to leave some areas “lightly managed” if you can.

*The garden suggests, there might be a place where we can meet nature half way.*

Janey Hilton

## HOW TO TREAT CAT FLEAS

Both the cat and the home must be treated at the same time to break the cycle. Veterinary treatments are safer and more effective than products available in supermarkets. Most are topical (applied to the back of the neck) or tablets. At the same time, treat the remaining flea population off the cat with a spray which you can also purchase from your vet but please remember to follow the instructions on the tin (do not spray the cat!). Products purchased from pet shops etc won't do the job as effectively as those purchased from your vet so don't waste your money.

Vacuum daily and pay attention to nooks and crannies along skirting boards and under furniture. Empty the bag or canister each time you vacuum. Wash your cat's bedding weekly in hot water and hang outside in the sun.



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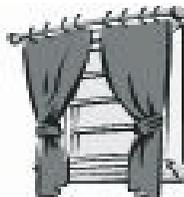
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# Woodlands WI

Numbers were slightly depleted for our March meeting. Was this because it was our AGM, I wondered? Traditionally a time when everyone studies the ground when asked to volunteer to join the committee or take on a role! But, the apologies I received were genuine enough. I mean attending your mother's 101<sup>st</sup> birthday certainly trumps a WI AGM. This is also true of Covid which once again seems to be hitting the locality. Anyway, members attending had a brilliant time.

Last year's committee, except for Janey, agreed to re-stand. We thank Janey for all her commitment over a number of years – she does so much in the village I am not surprised she is relinquishing some workload. We are grateful to Vanessa and Zoe for volunteering. So, the existing committee, plus Vanessa and Zoe were elected for the coming year. We have also created a catering group. This will be ably led by Joyce and a number of very willing ladies. As no one volunteered to take the role of President I agreed to stand for another year.

All the business for our normal monthly agenda and the AGM agenda was conducted and agreed on and then the fun began.

We held a tribute to Jenny Speed, a dear member of our WI, who sadly passed away last year. The tribute included a shortbread competition, a game Jenny introduced us to, a few words about Jenny and a toast to her. For anyone who knew Jenny you will know that her shortbread was divine and legendary within Woodlands WI as well as further afield. We don't regularly hold competitions so I imagined only a handful of entries. I was surprised when we had 14 and the reigning shortbread queen is Judy Slaney. Well done, Judy. The judges did declare it was close run and they all tasted delicious. Clare spoke briefly about Jenny and her friendship. We then feasted on a beautiful supper provided by Anne H, Clare, Zoe and Sophie, washed down with some fizz and a toast to Jenny.

Then we had a hilarious game involving presents, dice and some

swapping, chasing round the main gift of a garden voucher. Sophie was the lucky lady to take this home but we all had a great laugh and went home with something nice or useful.

Fiona won the raffle. We all cleared the hall and went home happy. Jenny would have loved the evening.

Our next meeting will take place on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm. Our speaker for the evening will be Andy from Hoglets Wildlife Centre.

If you would like to visit or join Woodlands WI, please give me a call on 01889 566016 or email [wiwoodlands@gmail.com](mailto:wiwoodlands@gmail.com)

*Helen Cleaver*

## **Marchington Woodlands Village Hall Update**



Spring is in evidence in the Woodlands. There can be few sights as glorious, in the sunshine, as the magnificent display of snowdrops and daffodils outside Twenty Acres. It is such a lovely picture, with the house and immaculate garden as the backdrop. This is reward for all the hard work and effort that must have gone into planting the original bulbs and cultivating them over the years and is greatly appreciated.

There is a feeling of spring about the Village Hall, too, as there are plenty of outdoor jobs to be getting on with. It is time to take a serious look at the Hall field to see what we can do to improve the ground condition. The area in front of the entrance porch could do with some attention, as silt tends to collect there after it has rained, and there is quite a lot of moss to be removed from the tarmac around

the building. Along with these tasks, the fence panels, picnic tables and the shed all have to be treated. Busy, busy.

There are no new Village Hall-organised events in 2022 to tell you about but it is great to see a steady stream of other bookings going into the calendar during the summer months.

The first notable Woodlands Village Hall community calendar date to highlight is Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup>. Instead of holding a street party, Woodlands Village Hall is providing the venue for the community to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This is a unique occasion and it offers a very rare opportunity for everyone in the Woodlands (from Marchington Cliff to Scounslow Green) to get together, socialise and have fun. A marquee has been booked and it is hoped that there may be some live music. Please look out for the communications from the Village Hall Committee, giving more details. Let's make it a community event to remember.



Just a quick follow up on the scheme to bring full fibre broadband to Marchington/Forestside/Marchington Woodlands. If all goes well, by this time next month, residents will be taking up the vouchers provided by the government and Staffordshire County Council to pay for Openreach's installation work and pledging to go for a new full fibre contract with the provider of their choosing. It will give a massive boost to our local community.

How fortunate we are to be living in this beautiful countryside, enjoying the first signs of spring. Wishing everyone a peaceful Easter.

*Karen Perrins*

# Marchington Woodlands Village Hall Social & General Information



## 2022 Calendar

Tuesday, April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Woodlands Village Hall monthly Committee Meeting, 7.30pm.
Sunday, June 5 <sup>th</sup>	Woodlands Platinum Jubilee Community Celebration.
Saturday, August 20 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Dance with music from The Silicone Taxis.
Saturday, November 5 <sup>th</sup>	Bonfire Night Event
Tuesdays, 19 <sup>th</sup> April, 17 <sup>th</sup> May & 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Regular Tuesday coffee mornings in the Village Hall, come and have a chat with friends and neighbours from your community, 10.30am start. Everyone is welcome.

## Village Hall Booking Information

The Village Hall's website ([www.mwvh.co.uk](http://www.mwvh.co.uk)) provides information about the Hall, its facilities and how to go about hiring.

If you would like to ask anything further, please get in touch with the Village Hall Booking Secretary, Isabel Wilson (landline 01889 569411 or mobile 07817 989859).

## Contact Details

You are invited to send any comments, questions or issues about the Village Hall to the Committee via email address [mwvh@btinternet.com](mailto:mwvh@btinternet.com).

Alternatively, you can put a note in the Village Hall's post box. Your feedback is very welcome.

## St. John's Church Marchington Woodlands



### Church Services and Events during April 2022 (At St John's unless otherwise stated.)

Sunday 3rd	11.30am	Baptism
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Annual Parochial Church Meeting All welcome. Those on the church electoral roll entitled to vote,
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	4.00pm	Songs of Praise style memorial service Please join us afterwards at Woodlands Village Hall for a buffet tea.
<b>HOLY WEEK</b> - Holy Week meditations for the Area:-		
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> to Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon to 12.30pm	St Mary's Church, Uttoxeter. All welcome.
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	14:00:00	Good Friday "At the cross"
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm to 4.00pm	Clean and decorate the church. All welcome.
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	09:30am	Easter Day Holy Communion. Please bring small posies of spring flowers to decorate the cross.
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	09:30:00	Holy Communion

If you would like to read at any of these services you are very welcome and if you would like the reading in advance let us know.

## Joan Britton

On February 10<sup>th</sup> Joan Britton passed away peacefully after a short illness. As many of you know, my mum Joan, was suffering from vascular dementia which is why she came to live with us.

Richard, Laura, Emily and myself and my sister Jan and her family would like to say a huge thank-you to everyone in the Woodlands and around the area of parishes for making her so welcome. Also, for the many offers of help and messages of support and sympathy. And most of all for your prayers.

We had a celebration of her life at Carmountside crematorium. The link to this is live until April 6<sup>th</sup> Website <https://watch.obitus.com> Username cure0538 Password 046590.

The team have agreed that this month's evening prayer service on the 10<sup>th</sup> at 4pm can be a Songs of Praise where we will celebrate her life here as well. I would like it to be about us all and people we have lost over these last difficult years. Please call me or email with request for the hymns you would like to sing. Linda Beech 07875516635 [beechnuts@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:beechnuts@hotmail.co.uk).

## St John's Marchington Woodlands 100 Club

Winners of the February draw were: -

John Bostock, Stuart Cadamy, Michelle Cleaver,  
Kathleen Sargeant

**Don't forget to check out Marchington Woodlands Community Group on Facebook to get up to date info on what's happening in our community.**



## St. John's Contacts

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<http://www.marchingtonwoodlandschurch.co.uk/> St. Johns website

## ST PETERS CHURCH MARCHINGTON - SERVICES DURING APRIL 2022

<i>Date / Time</i>	<i>Service</i>	<i>Sidesperson</i>	<i>Readers</i>	<i>Intercessions</i>	<i>Coffee</i>	<i>Flowers</i>
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 10.00am	Morning Worship	Tim Scott	Claire Marjoram Tim Scott	Wendy Scott	Claire Marjoram	
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 10.00am	Communion	Valerie Whitehead	Rhoda Castle Liz Morgan	Therna Brassington	Joyce Halcrow	
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 10.00am	Easter Communion	Gill Williamson	Gill Williamson Tony Butler	Liz Morgan	Kath Wood	Grace Hodges
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Ministry Team Service	Joyce Halcrow	Ian Jones Gordon Whitehead	Gill Williamson	Pat Wilson	Shirley McCoy

**If you are unable to carry out your duty, please find a replacement and inform the church wardens.**