



The Hexagon

Benefice Magazine

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The prophet Ezekiel had an incredible vision. He saw a desert valley full of parched, bleached bones. Then God asks Ezekiel an astounding question, 'Can these bones live?' It's nonsensical. Preposterous. Mad. There has been no life in these bones for years, decades, centuries. Yet, wisely, Ezekiel avoids answering, he simply replies, "O Lord God, you know."

God tells Ezekiel to prophesy to these dead bones new life. That sinews and flesh and skin will come back on them, and that God's breath will return to them and restore them to life.

And as he prophesies, Ezekiel hears a rattling sound. He looks up and sees bones coming together into skeletons. Then sinews and flesh and skin start to cover them until he is no longer in a desert of dry bones, but a desert of lifeless cadavers.

God then tells Ezekiel to prophesy to the breath, tell breath to come upon these bodies that they might live. And suddenly, with a gasp, these dead bodies take a breath and return to life. They stand up on their feet, a vast multitude.

What does this story mean?

I wonder how your spiritual life is. Is there any life in you? Or just the dry bones of what used to be? Maybe, you have known times when you felt God was with you. You were aware of his presence, you encountered him in scripture, prayer, and worship. But now, it is all a bit dry and dead. Maybe you are wondering, can these dry bones live?

Maybe you have never experienced Jesus in a real a living way. But you feel a longing to. You wish you could experience Jesus like other people seem to. Can these dry bones live?

What should you do? Pray. Put yourself in a place to encounter God. Open the Bible, asking God to speak. Go to church. Download (and use!) one of the many brilliant prayer apps like Pray As You Go, Daily Prayer, Lectio 365 etc.

Can these dry bones live? "O Lord God, you know."

Blessings

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HEXAGON NEWS

Lutterworth & Villages Foodbank

I would like to thank you on behalf of the Foodbank for the 26kg of food (Arnesby Church - 16kg / Shearsby Church - 10kg) collected by your Churches during February.

Barry McHugh

Lutterworth & Villages Foodbank

St. Peter's Church, Arnesby

Church Warden: Brian Spriggs - 0116 2478559

EASTER SUNDAY 9th April at 10.30 Holy Communion

Coronation Celebration of King Charles III

Sunday 7th May 2023

Village Bring & Share lunch from 12.30pm onwards outside the village Hall & games in the playing field.

Arnesby Baptist Church

Morning Service 10.45am & Evening Service 6pm in the chapel

Monday Ladies and Girls group, 7.30pm - 9pm contact Val

Monday Football training 7pm Behind the chapel

Evergreens café - Tuesday 10am-12noon

ABC Parent, Baby and Toddler Group -

Wed 10am -12noon, The Barn Contact Ellie: 07784939781

Thursday Eve Bible Study 7.30pm - 9pm

Friday Explorers 6pm - 7.30pm for school yrs 1-6

Saturday Youth Club 7pm -9pm for school yrs 7+

Cafe in Barn -Restarts Friday 21st April 2023 - 2.30pm - 5pm with an extension for Explorers parents.

Easter Holiday Bible Club!

Monsters Inc. Tuesday 4th, Wednesday 5th & Thursday 6th April 2023.

Good Friday (7th April) Café 10.30am to 12.30pm

For regular updates and information go to: -

w: arnesbybc.co.uk

t: 01162478392

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Films at 7.30pm in Arnesby Village Hall

Wednesday 12th April 2023 Elvis *Elvis's relationship with his manager Colonel Parker.*

St Mary's Church, Bruntingthorpe

Church Warden: Andy White - 07595 252030

CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

Phil and Steph Baker at Seals Farm have very kindly agreed to the village using their barn and paddock for a Coronation party on **Sunday 7th May 2023**. Final details will follow nearer the time, but the idea is that this is a free event and people will bring their own food and drink. If the weather is good, we can organise some games in the paddock. Please save the date and let's make this a village event to remember!

ST MARY'S CHURCH - 150th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

To commemorate the rebuilding of St Mary's Church in 1873, we will be holding a **FLOWER FESTIVAL** over the weekend of **13th & 14th AUGUST 2023**. We are encouraging as many villagers as possible to get involved in the event - no experience of flower arranging is required! The theme is 'MARY' which can be any Mary you can think of. Please contact Julie White on 07960 420446 if you would like to do your flower arrangement in the church or help in any way. There will also be a Songs of Praise at 4pm on the Sunday.

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St. Nicholas Church, Mowsley

Church Warden: Janet Skinner - 01858 880276

Erica Hearnshaw - 0116 2404054

To celebrate the Coronation, the Village Hall Cttee. have put together a programme for the weekend. It would be appropriate to have flower arrangements in the Church. Please come along on Saturday morning about 10am on the 6th May and bring your favourite flowers to display for the weekend. If there is anyone who would like to play the organ for a time over the weekend, please contact Janet Skinner on 01858880276. On Saturday evening, weather permitting, a barbecue will be held, and the road will be closed. On Sunday, the Church will be open and there will be a picnic lunch, followed by Maypole dancing. Complimentary cream teas will be available to round off the day.

All Saints Church, Theddingworth

Church Warden: Janet Lewis - 01858 881188 or 07847138865

Church Warden: Avril Bailey - 01858 880236 or 07977098666

Cafe in Church

Another of our very popular pop-up cafes will be held on Saturday 1st April 2023 from 10.30. Do come along and meet your neighbours for a chat over the delicious food that is served and take some time to appreciate the beautiful church building.

King's Coronation Celebrations for May 2023

Benefice Service in church 7th May 2023 @ 10.30am

The Benefice service for May will be held in All Saints Church, Theddingworth on Sunday 7th May, so we will be celebrating King Charles III coronation with refreshments after the service.

"Pop-Up Pub" on Sunday 7th May 2023 in a marquee on Little Croft paddock from 4pm, with a BBQ from 6pm until 8pm.

Food and drink will be priced reasonably, and all profits to be split between village groups.

We look forward to seeing all the villagers enjoying themselves at this notable event. We hope that as many people as possible will join us to commemorate this historic occasion.

St Mary Magdalen Church, Shearsby

Church Warden: David Durran - 0116 247 8708

On Sunday 12th March 2023 Bishop Martyn visited our Benefice as part of his Lent pilgrimage. The aim of the pilgrimage was to visit as many churches in the Diocese during Lent as possible, and to walk, talk and pray with anyone who wished to accompany him. After an early breakfast in Arnesby, Bishop Martyn and a group of walkers came to Shearsby, where he led our communion service. We had a good congregation, and everyone enjoyed having the chance to chat with both Bishop Martyn and his helpers over a cup of coffee before they left to walk to Knaptoft. The church looked lovely, and we will all remember this special day.

EASTER COFFEE MORNING 9.30am Saturday 1st April 2023 in the village hall. Breakfast baps, bring & buy, toy and cake stalls. Try your luck on the tombola and raffle. We look forward to seeing you there!



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**Sunday 2nd April 2023, 10.30am Husbands Bosworth
Palm Sunday inc Baptism**

**Sunday 9th April 2023, 10.30am Arnesby
Easter Sunday**

Sunday 16th April 2023, 10.30am Mowsley

Sunday 23rd April 2023, 10.30am Shearsby

Sunday 30th April 2023, 10.30am Bruntingthorpe

Sunday 7th May 2023, 10.30am Theddingworth

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