

SERVICES in APRIL

Sundays at 8.00

7 April	Holy Communion
14 April	no service
21 April	Holy Communion
28 April	no service

Sundays at 10.30

7 April	All Age Worship
14 April	Holy Communion
21 April	Holy Communion
28 April	Morning Worship

Wednesdays at 10.30

3 April	no service
10 April	Holy Communion
17 April	Morning Worship team
24 April	Holy Communion

The Annual Parish Meeting is on
Monday 15th April 2024 at 7pm
in All Saints; Church



Sunday 31st March 2024



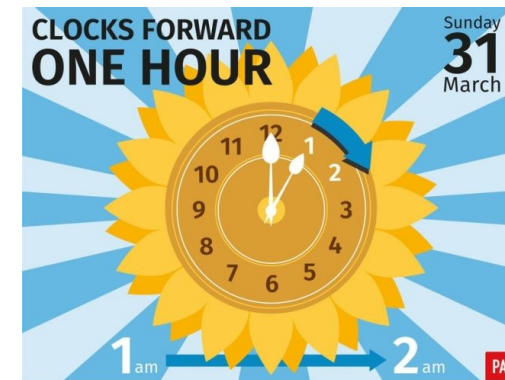
7.00 Sunrise Service Hall Tower Hill

10.30 Holy Communion

Tuesday 2nd April and Wednesday 3rd April.

There are no services on these days.

Remember the clocks go **forward** one hour
Saturday night/Sunday morning.



Letter from the Rector

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I expect that many of us will give or receive Easter Eggs this year. Each year, the big confectionary companies try to outdo themselves to make their eggs more extravagant and indulgent, and these days nearly all are filled with additional treats. However, traditionally Easter eggs were hollow, in a representation of the empty tomb that we celebrate on Easter Day.

Emptiness has largely negative connotations. Being empty can sometimes be daunting. An empty bank account, an empty stomach, an empty life...And because of that, there is a tendency for people to fill emptiness because emptiness is uncomfortable, and sometimes even frightening. When people think that their lives feel empty, they might try to fill the emptiness in their lives with other things: with family, friends, holidays, work, money, fame, thrills and in some extreme circumstances things that are simply destructive, addictive and damaging.

But at Easter, we actually celebrate emptiness, and we celebrate new life because of it. Because, at Easter we celebrate an empty tomb.

The gospel story has at its centre two women who had been following Jesus, both called Mary – Mary Magdalene and the ‘other’ Mary. They had come from a place where they had felt that their lives had been empty. But everything that they saw in Jesus gave them hope for new life. Jesus filled their emptiness with hope, purpose, and a sense of belonging.

A week previously, that fullness of life had meant so much as Jesus entered Jerusalem triumphantly. But now, on that Sunday morning their life seems empty once again. Everything that they thought Jesus stood for had been ripped away from them through the agony and desolation of the cross and his death on Good Friday.

But on that first Easter morning, they were confronted by a different kind of emptiness. At the moment that they arrived at the tomb, there was a great earthquake and an Angel appeared and rolled away the huge stone in front of the tomb. The tomb was empty. A miraculous, joyous, incredible emptiness.

And in that second, the emptiness that they had been feeling in their heart was again filled. For them, this truly was ‘amazing grace’. They would begin to learn that through God’s grace and by the resurrection, Jesus had conquered death and because of that same grace, their lives would be complete and would continue in heaven for eternity with their saviour.

Rev. Jonathan



BARWICK MONDAY LADIES FELLOWSHIP

8th April 2024

2.15pm

“The Great American Songbook”

by Stuart Atkins

Who will be bringing his keyboard
and play and talk about some of the great song writers of
the 20th century.

£3 entry, including light refreshments.

All are welcome.