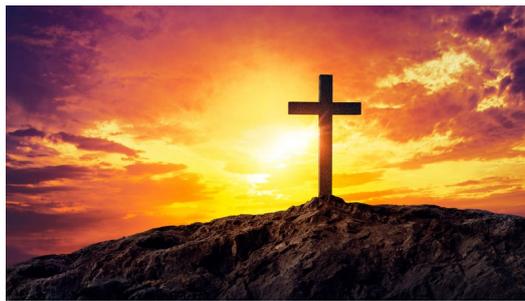




*Blisworth*  
**BAPTIST CHURCH**  
TO KNOW HIM AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

**BBC NEWS UPDATE (No. 74): March/April 2026**  
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### **A Message from Lee, our Pastor:**

My church family, As March and April unfold, we begin to see the world wake again. The lighter mornings, birdsong, and first flowers remind us that God is always at work, bringing renewal in His gentle way. Spring echoes that promise: *"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?"* (Isaiah 43:19, NIV). I hope that you'll find small moments this season to notice God's quiet gifts of new life.

These months also draw us toward Easter, the centre of our faith and the source of our hope. The angel's words still ring with power today: *"He is not here; he has risen!"* (Luke 24:6, NIV). In every season of uncertainty or weariness, the resurrection reminds us that God's light is stronger than any darkness.

March brings the joy of spring walks, signs of new life, and the chance to give thanks for all who nurture and care for us on Mothering Sunday. April leads us through Holy Week, from Palm Sunday's celebration to the stillness of Good Friday and the joy of Easter morning. However you mark these days, may you sense Christ walking beside you.

A simple prayer for this season:

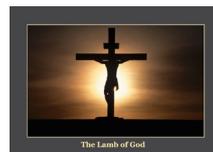
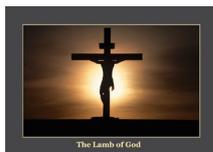
*God of new beginnings, thank you for the beauty of spring and the hope of Easter. Renew our hearts and homes, communities, and help us to share your love with those around us. Amen.*

Wishing you a bright, peaceful, and hope-filled spring,  
**Pastor Lee**

## Our Forthcoming Sunday Services (10.30 am)



Date	Leading	Worship	Speaking	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Mar</b>	Lee Hillyard	Lee Hillyard	Lee Hillyard	<b>Communion</b>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Anne Puffett	Frankie Coles	Ted Ashworth	
<b>15<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Lee Hillyard	Lee Hillyard	Lee Hillyard	<b>Mother's Day</b>
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Mar</b>	Lee Hillyard	Lee Hillyard	<b>Café Church in the Leisure Hall</b>	
<b>29<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Brian Ash	Frankie Coles	Ray Payne	<b>Palm Sunday</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	Lee Hillyard	Lee Hillyard	Tony Maycock	<b>Comm./Easter Sunday</b> <b>Baptismal Service</b>
<b>12<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	Ray Payne	Frankie Coles	Brian Ash	
<b>19<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	Tony Maycock	Frankie Coles	Dawn (Leprosy Mission)	<b>Visiting Speaker</b>
<b>26<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	Lee Hillyard	Frankie Coles	Lee Hillyard	



## Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar/Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Apr Hybrid Zoom Prayer Evenings (7.30 pm)



The Zoom link, Meeting ID and Password is:

**PLEASE CONTACT WEBSITE ADMIN**

We will come together for a time of prayer in the Fellowship Room (and on Zoom) on the first Tuesday of the month: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm.

## Home Groups



**Home Groups are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month (Thursdays of that week for Blisworth). The next meetings are:**

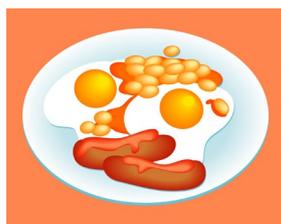
**Towcester Home Group:** Tues. 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> Mar. / Tues. 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> Apr. (7.30pm at Lee & Hannah's home)

**Northampton Home Group:** Tues. 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> Mar. / Tues. 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> Apr. (7.30pm at Ray & Julie's home)

**Blisworth Home Group:** Thurs. 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> Mar / Thurs. 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> Apr. (2.30pm at the Church Coffee House)

## Church Matters

**Community Breakfast (Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> Mar) & Men's Breakfast (Sat. 25<sup>th</sup> Apr.)**



The next Breakfast will be served on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 8.30 am. This will be a Community Breakfast to which both gentlemen and ladies are invited. (The next Men's Breakfast will be served on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April.)

A reminder/invitation will be sent out nearer the time, and we ask everyone to please "book their seat" in advance – an email, with a link to do this, will be sent to everyone about a week beforehand. This will help with both catering and seating arrangements. Thank you.

### **Nominations for Secretary and Treasurer**

The term of office for both Ray and Anne end at the forthcoming A.G.M. in April (if they are happy to do so, then they could be re-nominated for these positions and therefore could be re-elected). Anyone who is nominated must have given their permission for their name to be put forward. The nomination must be supported by the signatures of two Church Members. (Nomination forms can be accessed via Ray, the Secretary.)

**The deadline for nominations is the 20<sup>th</sup> March.** Elections will take place via a secret ballot at the A.G.M. (If anyone is unable to attend the AGM to vote in person, then they may request in advance a postal or electronic vote, by contacting the Secretary.)

### **A.G.M. & Church Meeting (Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April)**



The **A.G.M.** and the next **Church Meeting are planned for Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2026 (7.30pm)** in the Coffee House. These will be Hybrid Meetings, meaning that people will also be able to “attend” via Zoom.

### **Staircase Refurbishment Completed**

We’re delighted to share that the refurbishment of the staircase leading to our upper rooms has now been completed. This project was made possible thanks to a generous £500 grant from the Parish Council, for which we are deeply grateful.

The funding allowed us to brighten and improve the entire stairwell area, creating safer and more welcoming access to the upstairs lounge, a space regularly used by the Blisworth Youth Parish Council (Youth Group). The work has made a noticeable difference to the look and feel of the building, and we’re pleased to report that it came in slightly under budget, with an underspend of £17.27. Thank you to the Parish Council for supporting this small but significant improvement to our shared community space.

## **And Finally ...**

### **Message from Lin**

As we journey through March and April there are so many special Christian events to celebrate (such as Lent, Mothering Sunday, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday) and Lin has provided us with several related songs/video links to enjoy:

- 1) Palm Sunday <https://youtu.be/RLvI3rEVeBE>
- 2) Dear Lord and Father Of Mankind. [Dear Lord and Father of Mankind](#)
- 3) The day of Resurrection <https://youtu.be/49hPB6NTVEE>
- 4) The Road to Emmaus. <https://youtu.be/8YIzWPPiH4A>
- 5) "Come Holy Spirit". <https://youtu.be/w7Zp9AF1MMs>

**May you all have a Happy and Blessed Easter.**

**Ray (Church Secretary)**