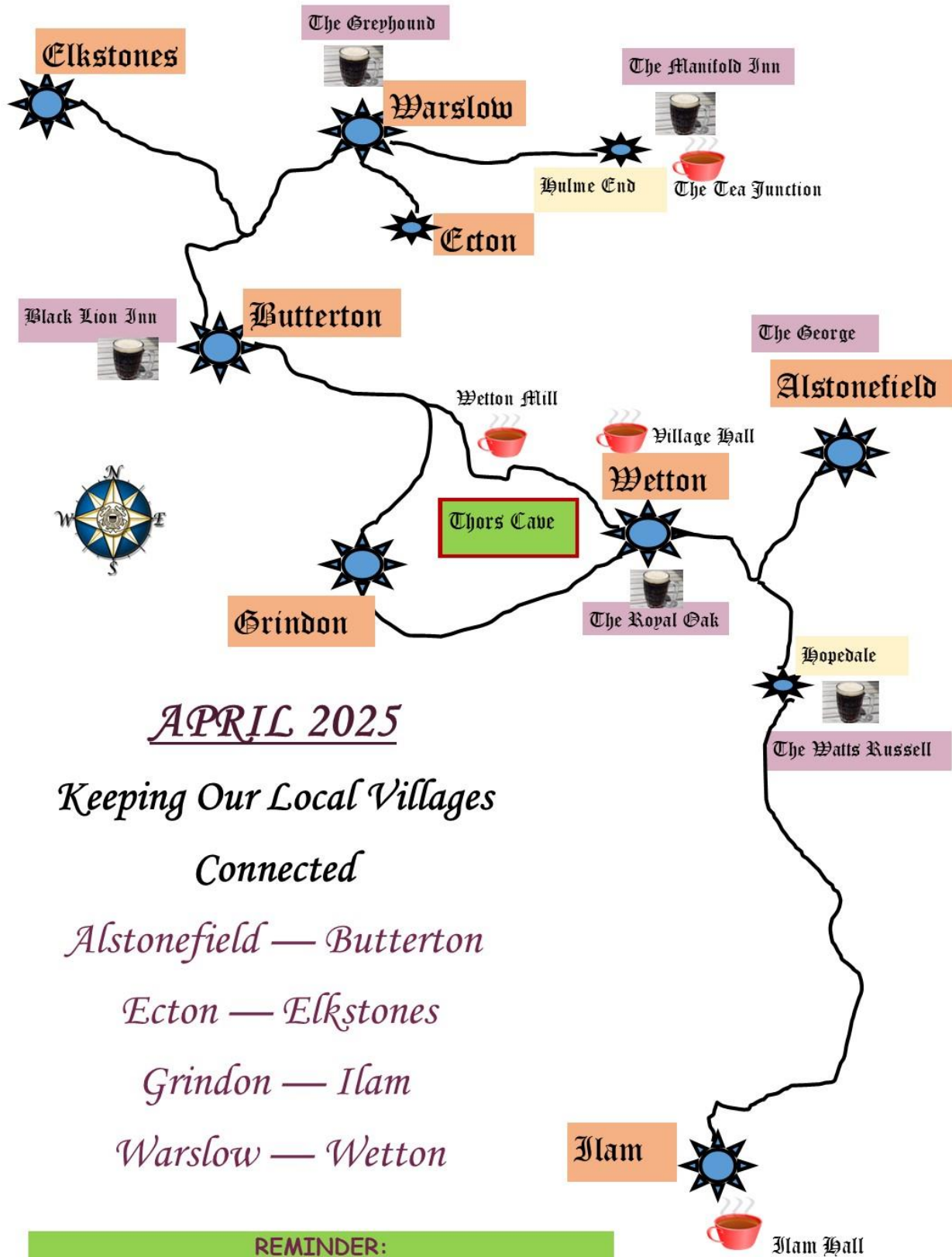


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APRIL 2025

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*Congratulations!*

To one of our long-time readers, Steve Ash,  
on his recent golfing achievement of a 'Hole in One' at  
Whiston Hall Golf Club.

In Steve's own words... "My first after nearly 40  
years of trying".



## Smile for a While (but try not to be offended by anything)

### Quick Pop Group Quiz

#### Cryptic Pop Bands

1. A nun on a toboggan.
2. Elizabeth, Victoria, Mary
3. Insanity
4. Pale serpent.
5. Merlin.
6. Disturb vision.
7. In deep trouble
8. Dark area caused by Cliff
9. Spring summer autumn winter!
10. South American Indian Polaroid
11. Ham or beef sandwiches
12. Hard of hearing wildcat
13. Raincoat bought near Blackpool
14. Clergyman in long dress
15. First man and insect
16. Oxygen cylinder

#### Are you at the age when...

You talk to yourself...because there are times when you need expert advice.

'In Style'...are the clothes that fit.

You don't need anger management...you just need people to stop peeing you off.

Your people skills are just fine...it's your tolerance for idiots that needs work.

The biggest lie you tell yourself is..."I don't need to write that down I'll remember it".

'On time'...is when you get there.

It would be wonderful if you could put yourself in the dryer for twenty minutes then come out wrinkle-free and two sizes smaller.

Lately you've noticed that people your age are so much older than you.

Growing old should have taken longer.

Ageing has slowed you down but hasn't shut you up.

You still haven't learned to 'act your age' and hope you never will.

'One for the road' means peeing before you leave the house.

A vicar was astonished to hear one of the Sunday School children say that a person must be brave to go to Church so he asked him "what do you mean by brave?"

"Well," the little boy said, "I heard my uncle tell my aunt last week there was a canon in the pulpit, the choir murdered the last hymn, and the organist drowned the choir."

How we blocked people in the 1980s



# Who says men don't remember!

A COUPLE were Christmas shopping. The shopping centre was packed and as the wife walked around she was surprised to discover that her husband was nowhere to be seen.

She was quite upset because they had a lot to do and hence, she became so worried that she called him on her mobile phone to ask him where he was.

In a quiet voice he said: "Do you remember the jewellers we went into about five years ago, where you fell in love with that diamond necklace that we couldn't afford, and I told you that I would get it for you one day?"

The wife choked up and started to cry and said: "Yes, I do remember that shop."

He replied: "Well, I'm in the pub next door!"

## Nature's Calendar for Easter

In the past, plants were more important for people in charting the passing year than they are now. Many flowers have names that link their flowering time to that of the church calendar with several associated with Eastertide.

Greater stitchwort (*Stellaria holostea*) was also known as Easter Bell and Good Friday Grass is still a commonly used name for Field Wood-rush (*Luzula campestris*). Good Friday Grass is a frequent component of churchyard grassland, particularly in places with either acid or lime-rich soils. It's brush-like flowers are quite subtle but always appear in time for Easter. Another name for it is Sweep's Broom due to the shape of the flowers.

Another small but beautiful plant to look out for at this time of year is Wood Sorrel (*Oxalis acetosella*) which has several names including Cuckoo's Bread and Cheese, Granny's Sour Grass and Alleluia as its delicate white flowers appear between Easter and Whitsun, and its trefoil, shamrock-shaped leaves bring associations with the Holy Trinity.

Pasqueflower (*Pulsatilla vulgaris*) also blooms at Easter time, the name Pasque meaning 'of Easter'. It is now rare in the wild, found in a few places where there is ancient, undisturbed grassland on limestone. It is often associated with old earthworks such as barrows, hillforts and boundary banks and there was a legend that it grew where the blood of Danes or Romans had been spilt. \*

It's not only flowers that chart the passing months and the Christian calendar. St Mark's Fly (*Bibio marci*) is a long, black, shiny fly which hatches around St Mark's Day, April 25th. Large numbers of flies can be found in woodland edges, hedgerows and fields often mating in mid-air giving them the alternate name of Love Bug! They fly rather aimlessly with dangling legs, usually surviving as adults for about one week and getting eaten in large numbers, providing a ready food source. They are also an important pollinator of early flowering trees such as many fruit trees.

As you watch the spring unfurling, spare a thought for our ancestors who used nature as a calendar and lived much closer to a profusion of plants and animals than we do now. Perhaps this could be an inspiration to get involved in nature recovery in our much-depleted land.

Harriet Carty, Diocesan Churchyard Environmental Advisor, [harriet@cfga.org.uk](mailto:harriet@cfga.org.uk), [www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk](http://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk) - individuals and groups in the diocese receive 20% members discount on all CfGA materials. Use the discount code diomem22

\*Flora Britannica, Richard Mabey



**Ashbourne Churches Together** will be carrying a cross up Thorpe Cloud on Maundy Thursday (17th April). Everyone is welcome - we will start from the grass by the church gate at Thorpe at 4:30pm. There is parking along the road and it is very near the village hall, where a team from the church will be offering hospitality afterwards.

## Alpha Course

Alpha is an 11-week course that creates a space for a conversation about faith, life and God.

Come and join us at Ashbourne Elim Church on Tuesday 29th April at 7pm as we start our next course. The evening will look something like:

- 7pm - Welcome & Meal,
- 7:30pm - Watch Video, 8pm – Discussions,
- 9pm (at the latest) - Finish

All are welcome - for more information about the Alpha course and to sign up go to [www.ashbourneelim.church/alpha](http://www.ashbourneelim.church/alpha)

**Easter Sunday  
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## **Stop to Move Forward**

The world is a busy place. Whether it's the speed of news flying at you, the number of things you have to fit into 24 hours (whether you have kids to negotiate or not!) or just the way everyone needs something *now*., it's exhausting.

Our lives at church can be no different and it can be hard to find the time, or the energy to stop and think about anything, let alone our 'calling'. We all have one. Even serving coffee is one.

This Easter we're not only trying to slow down and stop to remember God's amazing love for us but Bishop Michael is also offering us an amazing opportunity to slow down, take stock and join in the adventure, the journey, the strategy of the diocese – to grow our faith and love our communities 'following Christ in the footsteps of St Chad'. For many this may feel like 'yet one more thing' to 'do' or find time for – and that would be an understandable response. In reality however this isn't what the strategy is – it's an amazing opportunity for us to stand together and move forward for a common purpose.

It's one of those 'we're stronger together' moments.

We won't all move forward in the same way – we're all different and unique and can bring amazing talents, opinions and gifts to the diocese.

For some of us this is totally overwhelming – 'I don't have anything special to offer', 'I'm too tired to think about this' or 'I have too much to do'. This is where Chad Foundations can help. Chad Foundations can offer the chance to slow down and have chance to actually think about what we think! To ask ourselves what we believe and why. Chad Foundations can give you the space to reflect on what you are good at, what you are passionate about and maybe how you can use these things to help God and others.

It might sound crazy to take on a nine-month course to find space; and it is a commitment. You will need to find time, and for some that might mean stopping something you currently do, or stepping back from a church position for a little bit. Sometimes though, we have to stop to move forward.

We would love to see you at Chad Foundations. The next course starts in September and applications are open now. If you want to know more, please check out [www.lichfield.anglican.org/chad-foundations](http://www.lichfield.anglican.org/chad-foundations)

*(Helen Scheven works as part of the diocese's Vocations & Training team, helping those interested in lay ministries including Chad Foundations and Reader Training. Contact her at [helen.scheven@lichfield.anglican.org](mailto:helen.scheven@lichfield.anglican.org) or visit the team's website at [lichfield.anglican.org/vocations-and-training](http://lichfield.anglican.org/vocations-and-training))*

## **Ashbourne Elim Church at Easter**

### **Lost Sheep Hunt**

Throughout the Easter holiday we will be running a 'lost sheep hunt' in Ashbourne Town Centre. There will be some flyers with information about this available at Ashbourne Elim church - have a go with your children/grandchildren. Prizes will be given out at our Easter Sunday Celebration in the Park.

### **Easter Sunday Celebration - 2pm.**

Join us in Ashbourne Memorial Gardens as we take the message of the gospel into our community. This is an event for all ages and we'd love to have you, your family, friends, neighbours and even dogs come and join in the celebrations! There will be an egg hunt and egg painting too.

### **Portraits with a Purpose**

Join us for Portraits with a Purpose, a special photography day where you can have a professional-quality portrait taken while supporting the Ashbourne Elim Church Building Fund. We are raising money for a building extension to give the foodbank a better quality and bigger space - instead of a portacabin - plus additional rooms and improvements.

When? Bank Holiday Monday - 21st April

Where? Ashbourne Elim Church

How much? Suggested donation of £25 – all proceeds go toward our building project.

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**K.I.V.** The successful 'Repair Shop' that visited Warslow last year, 2024, is this year destined for Butterton Village Hall. Please see poster under Butterton Section.



## APRIL BULLETIN

Staffordshire Moorlands District Council will cease to exist by April 2028 as part of the Government's plans to reorganise local government.



Last December the Government published the English Devolution White Paper which set out its plans to widen and deepen devolution across England. It also outlined how the Government will reform local government, as the foundation for devolution.

Devolution is the transfer of functions and powers to regions governed by Strategic Authorities (Combined Authorities) to ensure that the whole of England benefits. Staffordshire has not taken part in the devolution process so far.

Devolution and local government reorganisation are separate issues but are closely linked. In February, the Minister of State wrote to the Leaders of Staffordshire County Council, all district and borough councils and Stoke-on-Trent City Council formally inviting them to develop a proposal for local government reorganisation for the area.

Staffordshire County Councillors have backed draft proposals for a new unitary authority to oversee services for residents.

The county's eight district and borough councils, which currently provide services such as bin collections, emergency housing, planning and leisure facilities, are all facing the axe as part of national government plans to reorganise the local authority system.

Stoke-on-Trent City Council has proposed the creation of a North Staffordshire authority, covering Newcastle Borough and Staffordshire Moorlands District alongside Stoke-on Trent.

**As a continuation of handing more power back to residents there is a controversial proposal in the Moorlands to give Parish Councils more local powers by creating village Mayors.**

**Powers of a Village Mayor would include granting planning for housing, new road surfacing, financial benefits for chosen residents, compulsory discounts in local supermarkets to name just a few.**

**There would have to be a village referendum held, to choose a Mayor, or it could be worked on a yearly basis on residents' surnames in alphabetical order.**

Disclaimer: The information above is gleaned from various articles on the internet and is intended for local readership only. Some of it may be open to speculation as to its origins and therefore should not be assumed to be wholly accurate.

# New & Local

## PODIUM PILATES

*feel better*



Joseph Pilates was a German gymnast, bodybuilder and professional boxer. His focus on anatomy, breath control and core postural muscles to keep the body balanced and support the spine became the basis of the Pilates method.

He was placed in an internment camp on the Isle of Wight during the First World War where he used his expertise to rehabilitate seriously injured veterans. After the war, he worked with Ballet dancers in New York, physical training specialists and even trained police officers using his techniques.

Approximately 12 million people around the world now practice Pilates to improve their balance, flexibility, co-ordination and strength.

Pilates exercises can be tailored to a spectrum of fitness goals, ages and abilities, resulting in an accessible form of exercise that has the potential to benefit many people in their everyday lives.

Louise Boardman is a local Pilates teacher from Butterton and is based at Peak Fitness Gym, Waterhouses. She offers additional classes in the local area to suit all abilities and believes that Pilates can help make most people feel better and stronger.

Louise offers several different Pilates lessons including Chair Pilates, Mat Pilates and Intense Pilates.

- \* Chair Pilates is a great way to exercise without getting up and down off the floor. It's good for building arm and leg strength, flexibility and joint mobility. The class is low impact and could be useful if you have arthritis, back pain or poor balance.
- \* Mat Pilates is a strengthening and lengthening form of exercise that focuses on your core muscles while also training the arms and legs. The results include improved posture, better coordination, stress management and injury prevention. All of the exercises in this class can be modified to decrease or increase the level of challenge.
- \* Intense Pilates is also mat-based; however, it often includes weights and other equipment to increase the difficulty and also increase the challenge.
- \* Private tuition 1:1 or small group sessions are also available with Louise if you have a specific issue or rehabilitation requirement.

If you're interested in trying Pilates, contact Louise via 07956 675683 for more information and to discuss which class best suits you. Alternatively, please visit [www.podiumpilates.com](http://www.podiumpilates.com) to see the current class timetable and available locations.



# ALSTONEFIELD



## Sunday Services in April

6 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Holy Communion
17 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday
19 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Holy Saturday (Holy Communion)

Vicar:

Rev'd Patrick Griffin

Church Warden(s): Position(s) Vacant

**Contact & Reader: Clare Day 07774 980647**

**Community Larder** Open 24hours a day in the porch of St Peter's Church, Alstonefield

St. Peter's PCC Community Larder supports people experiencing difficulties in the current cost of living crisis. Anyone needing food or other household items for please help yourself from the box in the church porch. All donations of dried food and toiletries to benefit others are welcome. Please place them in the boxes in the church porch. Every two weeks or so excess items will be donated to the food banks in Leek or Ashbourne.

## Alstonefield Village Hall

Chair: Kevin Stockton Treasurer & Bookings Officer: Jo Griffin

Committee members: See Below.

Liz Power

Duncan Scroggs

Mark Smith

Martin Snodin

Dave Littlehales

Val Littlehales

Charlotte Jordan

*If you would like to hire the Hall or have any queries, please  
mail: [alstonefieldvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:alstonefieldvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk)*

I would like to thank everyone who came to the ceilidh at Alstonefield village hall on 15th February. We made a magnificent £585 for Wetton and Alstonefield Community First Responders as we had a really good time

*Debs Railton*

## "AVETS Remember"

**In an emergency you should always dial 999 first.**

**If you need help before the emergency services arrive, you could call the Alstonefield Village Emergency Telephone System (AVETS) on 01335818911.**

**AVETS aims to connect you direct to speak to a local volunteer who may be able to assist.**

**If you would like to know more about what we do, please call Meg on 488 or Carrie on 009**

## Alstonefield Parish Council

Clerk to the Council – Sally Dartnell. Email: [clerk@alstonefield-pc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@alstonefield-pc.org.uk) c/o The Village Hall, Alstonefield, Ashbourne, Derbyshire. DE6 2FR

Chair: Mr R Hignett (Tel:07904 187785) Vice Chairman: Mr G Campbell (Tel:07919 353800)

Mr A Hayes (Tel:01335 310057), Mrs S Jeffery (Tel:07465 217269), Mr C McIlroy (Tel:07930 001374). Mr M Newman ([mn821268@gmail.com](mailto:mn821268@gmail.com)), Mrs R Longdon (Tel:07870 731389).

Date of next meeting: Contact Clerk for details.

### Potholes - lease do report them

If you have identified an issue on a public road, please report it to the appropriate authority using the links below. The more people that report an issue, the sooner it is likely to be resolved. If you report an issue and find it remains unresolved months later, you are welcome to contact Alstonefield Parish Council, by either attending a meeting or contacting the clerk. Details on the Parish Council pages of the Alstonefield village website.

Potholes and other road defects can be reported online on the Staffordshire County Council website at <https://formshighways.staffordshire.gov.uk/homepage/9/report-a-pothole-or-road-condition>. When submitting a report, it is important to include photographs and a description of the location to ensure that the highways team can identify what you have reported. If you can use the "What3Words" App - What3Words.com, this can help the council teams find the pothole quickly.

Similarly, as our Alstonefield parish borders Derbyshire, the link for potholes in our surrounding roads across the Derbyshire border can be reported via [www.highpeak.gov.uk/article/1289/Report-pot-holes-or-road-problems](http://www.highpeak.gov.uk/article/1289/Report-pot-holes-or-road-problems)



## **THE LEADEN BOOT CHALLENGE**

The Challenge raises funds and makes grants available to support local good causes and projects, with over £60,000 being donated over the past 14 years to our local communities.

Applications for amounts between £200 – £2000 are welcome from April 21<sup>st</sup>.

Please obtain a form by emailing; [leadenboot22@gmail.com](mailto:leadenboot22@gmail.com)

Completed forms must be submitted by June 1<sup>st</sup> 2025

## **BUTTERTON**



### **St. Bartholomew's Church**

Revd - Jane Held:

01538 262116

Church Warden:

Maggie Risby 304115

Rachel Hopper

Deputy:

Lily Hambleton-Plumb

### **Sunday Services in April**

13 <sup>th</sup>	3.00pm	Palm Sunday
19 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Easter Fire Service
20 <sup>th</sup>	3.00pm	Easter Sunday
27 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Holy Communion

Altar Flowers: Donations Appreciated

Cleaning Rota: B. Woodward

**P.C.C. Members:** Secretary: Maggie Risby 304115. Treasurer: Patrick Bailey

Maurice & Barbara Woodward, Dorothy Glaister, Sheila McDermott, Jackie Sumerling, Maggi Rowland.

### **Easter Services**

13th April	3.00pm	Palm Sunday Procession with Donkey
19th April	8.00pm	Easter Fire Service
20th April	3.00pm	Easter Sunday Service followed by Easter Egg Hunt
27th April	10.00 am	Holy Communion

### **St Bartholomew's Church.**

The good news is the work on the **Memorial Garden** has been completed. Do have a look next time you pass the churchyard.

There is a **PCC Meeting** on 10<sup>th</sup> April followed by the annual **Churchyard Tidy** and **Lottery Ball Draw** on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>. Anyone who can spare a half hour or so between the hours of 10am – 12pm on Saturday would be made very welcome. Refreshments will be provided.

As I think I have already mentioned, Les Bassett has retired as Groundsperson for the churchyard. We have a lot to thank him for..... A new Groundsperson should be in place soon. Tenders were required in order to appoint someone to follow in Les's footsteps.

The **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** is at 7pm on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. At 6pm everyone is welcome to attend to hear an update on what's been happening at St Bartholomew's. Refreshments will be served. After this meeting we then go on to conduct the business side of things.

The **Electoral Roll** papers have been coming in but we could do with more. It is not too late to add your name to the roll. Please contact Maggie Risby for a copy of the form asap.

An exciting weekend coming up at the end of the month when Jonty and Emma get married at St. Bartholomew's. The reception is being held at the Village Hall. We wish the couple every happiness for the future.

**Warm Welcome** dates for April are Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Do come and join us for a good old 'chops' and tea/coffee and cake. 10.30am – 12.30pm.



### St Bartholomew's Church Lottery Winners for March

1 <sup>st</sup>	Roz Griffin	( 69)	£40.00
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Maggie Risby	( 1)	£20.00
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sara Garde	( 134)	£10.00

**The next draw will be held on Saturday April 12<sup>th</sup> in Church at 11.00 am.**

### Butterton Village Hall

**Chairperson:** Hilary Bassett (Chairperson) 422314, Marjorie Renshaw (Minutes Secretary), Sheila McDermott (Secretary), Maggie Risby (Treasurer and Bookings Clerk) 304115, Gwen Bagshaw and Dianne Wint.

The diary is getting busy. Bookings for parties etc are coming in. We are spring cleaning ready for the wedding which is on the weekend of 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> April. We never turn down offers of help at this time. We are a small committee and need all the help we can get so if you have an hour to spare 'please'.....The exact date of the spring clean will be decided at a meeting week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> April. Maggie will announce it on Facebook as soon as it's been decided.

## WARM WELCOME

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, BUTTERTON  
EVERY OTHER TUESDAY, 10.30 - 12.30

Next Meetings:

1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> April

Next Meetings:- 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 10<sup>TH</sup> JUN, 24<sup>TH</sup> JUN

POP IN FOR A CHAT AND A COFFEE OR TEA

NO CHARGE, BUT DONATIONS TO CHURCH FUNDS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED, THANK YOU

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE & ALL WELCOME!

### Butterton Parish Council

C/O Clerk: Maggie Risby, 01538 304115. Email [buttertonpc@live.co.uk](mailto:buttertonpc@live.co.uk)

**Chairperson:** Jenny Land 304265, **Vice Chairperson:** Mike Stone 304455

**Committee Members:** Karen Salt 304543, Peter Tomlinson 304560, Mike Stone (Website Manager) 304455, Tracey Perkin 304781, John Hewitt 07976266459, Darren Kirby 07779121210.

The next meeting is at 7pm at the Village Hall on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April.

The Annual Parish Council meeting is on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May. Everyone is welcome to attend.

County Council elections are on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May at the Village Hall. Please remember and bring the required documents with you that will enable you to vote.

### Butterton History Group

The Centre was opened up for visitors on the day we had our electricity supply cut off in some areas of the village. A few took up the offer of tea/coffee/biscuits and some of the archives were taken out of their boxes for an airing. If anyone would like to come and view the archives, get help researching their family/house histories etc, please let Maggie know.

## Message from the Community Bus Shelter



Eric says the Butterton Bus Shelter has opened again for the book and bric-a-brac fund raising in time for the Mothers' Day weekend.

Lots of people have promised us donations of books and 'stuff' so come and view our new and exciting range. We will need your surplus books and stuff as well! We have very little held over from last year. If you are planning a cull of your belongings, do bear the Bus Shelter in mind before you dispose of it. We will also have a container for recycling spectacles. But please remember, we do ask for donated items to be clean and in good condition to maintain the high standard we aim for. Do get in touch if you have something to donate, and would like to discuss it: our email is [buttertonbusshelter@gmail.com](mailto:buttertonbusshelter@gmail.com) or phone 01538-304408. We'll be happy to chat.

For 2025, you can donate in cash or if not convenient you can use your credit/debit card using the QR code in the Bus Shelter.

More details about the charity can be found on the village website (<https://butterton.org.uk/bus-shelter-charity>).

Please make sure items left in the Bus Shelter are **CLEAN** and intact.  
Electrical or Mechanical items should work (label them 'WORKING ORDER').  
We will be obliged to remove anything which is inappropriate or potentially dangerous.

**PLEASE don't leave:**

**Clothing, knives, paint, anything flammable or toxic.  
Alcohol, DVDs, CDs, Jam Jars, Egg Boxes,  
out of date travel books, encyclopedias etc.**



## MOORLANDS REPAIR CAFE



**Saturday 12th July  
10.00am - 2.00pm**

**Village Hall  
Wetton Road  
Butterton**

Last repair booking-in  
at 1.30pm

### WHAT WE FIX

- Domestic mechanical appliances
- Electrical appliances (no microwaves)
- Clothing & textile repairs-not alterations
- Computer hardware and software
- Toys & Teddies
- Minor bike repairs & safety checks

### FREE COMMUNITY EVENT



Grab some refreshments while you wait, have a chat and be part of this award winning community-led project.

FREE

Repairs are free, voluntary donations welcome. If replacement parts required you will need to cover costs.



Scan the QR code to join our Facebook group  
[www.moorlandsclimateaction.org.uk](http://www.moorlandsclimateaction.org.uk)  
[repaircafe@moorlandsclimateaction.org.uk](mailto:repaircafe@moorlandsclimateaction.org.uk)

**VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS WELCOME**



Supported by the Staffordshire  
Moorlands District Council Community  
Climate & Nature Action Fund





# **ELKSTONES**



**St. John the Baptist:**  
**Vicar:**

**Rev'd Jane Held**  
**01538 262116**

## **Sunday Services in April**

**19<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm Easter Service**

**Cleaning & Flower Rota: Elizabeth Buxton**

## **St John's Church, Elkstones**

The April service date coincides with the Easter Weekend this year. The Easter Service will take place on **Saturday Evening, the 19<sup>th</sup> April** (Easter Eve) at 6.30 p.m. All welcome to come and join the Easter celebration.

Flower Festival time is on the horizon again, so to this end, there will be a meeting at Myrtle Alcock's house at Townhead Farm, Elkstones, at 6.30 p.m. on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April. Please come along and help with the planning - and there's sure to be a welcome piece of cake to help things along!

The website for Warslow and Elkstones Parish Council is: [warslowandlekstonespc.org](http://warslowandlekstonespc.org)



**A Big Thank You** to the Community Magazine for providing Elkstones village with a grant last October, which has enabled us to purchase 25 yards of new fast-growing hedging plants for the village green. Now that Spring is in the air, these have now been planted out along the previous line of the old boundary fencing, which had rotted away. Thank you also to Roger Miller, who undertook to do the work of preparing the ground and planting 175 bare stem privets, which should eventually grow to the height of the hedge which runs along the other end of the green. During the digging, Roger managed to uncover the old stone trough which used to house the village water tap before mains water came to the village in 1963. We hope to keep the trough exposed as a feature now, maybe to house some colourful plants.

## **Ilam**

### **Sunday Services in April**

**13<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Palm Sunday (Holy Communion)**

**All are most welcome**

**Vicar: Rev'd Patrick Griffin**

**Contact & Reader: Clare Day: 07774 980647**

### **Easter Flowers**

We shall be decorating church with flowers for Easter on Saturday 19th April from 2pm all welcome. If anyone would like to donate money towards the flowers please contact Joan Wain, Richard Temperton or Ellen Clewes.

### **Rev. Patrick Griffin**

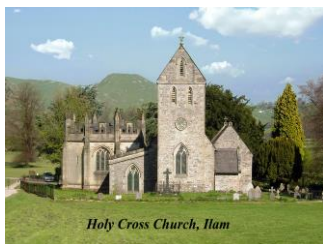
It's hard to believe that it is a month since the installation of Rev. Patrick as our new vicar but it was so delightful to be able to welcome the Griffin Family to our corner of the Peak District and we all hope that they enjoy life here.

### **April Flower and Brass Rota**

4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>  
18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> (May)

Mr I Smith  
Mrs D Flynn  
Mrs S Wiltshire

Lent, Brasses only  
Easter Flowers & Brasses  
Flowers & Brasses



# **Ilam Parish Council**

Chairperson: Caz Sellers 01335 350368

Clerk: Lindsay Oulsnam 01335 350579 Email: [clerk@ilamparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:clerk@ilamparishcouncil.co.uk)

Website: [www.ilam.org.uk](http://www.ilam.org.uk)

The next meeting and AGM is Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May, 7pm at Ilam School. All welcome and please send any questions you may have to the Clerk, so they can be passed on to the council for discussion.

## **Ilam Parish Council Meetings 2025**

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July, Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September, Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November.

All meetings are held at Ilam School at 7pm

## **Ilam School**

With the sunshine finally returning, and signs of Spring breaking through, we have been making the most of the beautiful weather here at Ilam Primary School. It's been wonderful to spend more time outside again!

Earlier this month, our Key Stage 2 children had a wonderful day out at the Halle Orchestra in Manchester. With a workshop beforehand learning a song to perform, the children all ventured off for this amazing opportunity. With the sights of the city to explore, as well as the immersive experience of a full orchestra, we've no doubt that the children will remember this day for many years to come.

We have also held our annual World Book Day in school, which as always, did not disappoint! With a staff theme of the Hungry Caterpillar, our costumes filled the school with joy and colour! Of course, the children completely blew us away with their amazing creativity and choices! Making a potato book character and sharing our favourite books, we had the most amazing day celebrating literature. Miss Lisa also treated us to a fantastic themed lunch, a successful day all round! We followed this with our Scholastic Book Fair which we held in school over the following week. The children loved seeing what books were sent to us this year and enjoyed spending their book tokens and prize vouchers at the fair.

We also recently held our first Spelling Bee tournament in school as part of The Moorlands Primary Federation group of schools. The children all worked very hard to learn their spellings and amazed us with their determination and resilience in learning. The winners from each year group will compete again later this year to see who will win in each age group category across all of the schools! Good luck Ilam!

As always, we've thoroughly enjoyed our sporting events over the past month. With our younger children venturing off to compete in a fundamental skills event, and our older children showcasing their netball skills, the children loved sharing their much loved sports with children from other local small schools. As the weather continues to improve, we look forward to more of these events over the forthcoming months.

Finally, we took a moment last week to remember Isabella, a beautiful little girl who we sadly lost 20 years ago in the Thai Tsunami. To raise funds for Red Nose Day and The Isabella Peatfield Memorial Fund which supports Thai orphanages, we held a brunch enjoying freshly baked goods prepared by the children, as well as a Miss Lisa buffet with our family and friends. We wore pink and red, and planted flowers around Isabella's monument. It's a truly wonderful thing that even all these years on, Isabella continues to fill our school with love, warmth and joy. She will always hold a special place in our hearts here at Ilam school.

With the easter break on the horizon, we still have lots more to pack in before we conclude the half term. With Easter bingo, our little play and Break the Rules Day to come, we look forward to sharing our adventures with you in the next edition.

In the meantime, if you'd like to visit our wonderful school, please do contact me.

**Miss Emily Johnson, Headteacher, Ilam C. E. (VA) School, Ilam, Staffordshire, DE6 2AZ**  
01335 350316/350908 - [www.ilam.staffs.sch.uk](http://www.ilam.staffs.sch.uk)

## **WARSLOW**

### **St. Lawrence**

#### **Vicar:**

**Rev'd Jane Held**  
01538 262116

#### **Deputy Warden:**

**Judy Prince**  
01298 84351



### **Sunday Services in April**

6<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Holy Communion

#### **Flowers:**

**For other services please see the church notice board or the website "A Church near you".**



St. Lawrence

Easter Day, 20th April

"The feast of Easter is the greatest festival of all the Church's Year, the culminating point of the Christian's belief. Easter Day, amongst the festivals of the Christian Year, is as the sun in the midst of the planets. It is the foremost in dignity of all the commemorations of the year, and is by right the Queen of Festivals"

(Taken from "Through the Christian Year" by Christine Chaundler)

Join us at St Lawrence, Warslow on Sunday 20th April at 11am  
to celebrate the day of resurrection.

Holy Communion conducted by The Revd. Arthur Hack.  
Everyone very welcome.

**History Live!**

*Local History in the Staffordshire Moorlands*



**SECRETS OF THE BOG:**

**What the Pollen Tells Us About  
Medieval Farming in the  
Moorlands**

**Presented by  
Members of the  
Tudor Farming  
Interpretation Group**

**Wednesday April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7.30 (doors open 7pm)  
Warslow Village Hall, SK17 0JL**

The presentation will be given by members of the Tudor Farming Interpretation Group (TFIG), a Community Archaeology Group who have been investigating the site at Under Whittle Farm near Sheen, for more than 10 years. The talk will show how archaeology and science can shed light on the local Staffordshire environment more than a thousand years ago. We also hope to introduce some of the families who lived and worked at Under Whittle.

Doors will open at 7pm to give you time to have a drink, a cake and a chat! No need to book – just turn up. Entrance is just £4 including refreshments.

\*\* We are always grateful to receive cakes to share at our events. If you can help, please let Elspeth know the weekend before the meeting so she can plan. Email her on [elspethjwalker@gmail.com](mailto:elspethjwalker@gmail.com) or ring 01298 83282. Free entry to the talk if you bring a cake! \*\*

[historylivewarslow@gmail.com](mailto:historylivewarslow@gmail.com) / 01298 84624 / 07786961219 / [historylive.co.uk](http://historylive.co.uk)

## Warslow and Elkstones Parish Council

Clerk: Sandra Hampson email: [parishclerk.warslow@gmail.com](mailto:parishclerk.warslow@gmail.com)

Website: <http://warslowandelkstonespc.org>

Acting Chairman: Mr P Moakes 01298 687238,

Councillors: Mrs J Nash, Mr S Gould, Mr Wardman, Mr B Peach, Mr N Searston

Date of Next Meeting: Contact Clerk for details.

The website for Warslow and Elkstones Parish Council is: [warslowandelkstonespc.org](http://warslowandelkstonespc.org)



## WARSLOW

Join us for a  
'Bring your own Village Picnic'

Sunday 4th May

To Commemorate the  
*80th Anniversary of VE Day*

WARSLOW SILVER BAND (5.00pm)

Picnic Field, next to Village Hall.

Gate opens 2.00p.m

Marquee, Children's Games

Village Hall Bar.

Everyone Welcome

### Warslow Pre-School

Small friendly Pre-School based in Manifold C of E Academy. We offer a wide range of activities to encourage your child to learn through play. Ofsted Inspection rated good. Open 5 days a week  
9am – 3.10pm for children from 18months to 4yrs

Planned activities, Think 2 funding available- Funded places for 3-year-olds, 30-hour funding available -  
Further information from Amy Shaw 01298 84367



# WETTON



## Sunday Services in April

18 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Good Friday (Holy Communion)
20 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Easter Sunday (Holy Communion)
27 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Morning Worship

Vicar:

Rev'd Patrick Griffin

Church Warden(s): Situation(s) Vacant

Contact & Reader: Clare Day 07774 980647

### St Margaret's Church 50/50 Lottery Results

The lucky winners in the March draw were:

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	David Robertson	£54.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	Roger Broughton	£36.00

You can join the lottery by paying £5 cash to Margaret Hodgkinson at Manifold Cottage.  
The next draw will take place in church on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April.

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## **DEADLINE FOR THE MAY EDITION IS 6am on SATURDAY 26<sup>th</sup> APRIL**

*Input from you all would be gratefully received.*

*At the end of the day, if you don't contribute then there is no magazine.*

*Talking of which, a lot of you believe that you cannot send items until the deadline time and date.*

*A deadline has to be set but you can send your information/pictures/jokes anytime and it really helps me to put things together the earlier you send your items to me. So please feel free to submit any article.*

*It's your magazine and just so long as it is Legal, Decent and Appropriate in my eyes it will be inserted of course.*

*Please remember I can only accept word documents and NO PDF's or Photocopies.*

*Call me on 01538 304560 if you need any help. Don't be late, the old rule still applies.*

*Absolutely nothing will be accepted after 6am on the above date.*

*\*\*Editors decision on layout and inclusion is final.*