



Holy Trinity Church

Services for April

7th April 11.15 Morning Worship

14th April 11.15 Family Communion

19th April 11.00 Good Friday

21st April 11.15 Easter Sunday

28th April 11.15 Holy Communion

Holy Trinity Church

There will be an inaugural 'sing along' workshop for the proposed Three Parishes Choir — April 6th at noon

Village Hall

No events planned for the Village Hall this month

Parish Council

See separate article on parish council elections

Connecting Generations

Wed Apr 27th 14.30 Monthly Meeting - to be held at the Newton Farm cafe

Bell Ringers

Regular practice every other Friday

Easter in Newton St Loe



According to the popular saying, 'April showers bring May flowers'. Let's hope too that there will be some continuation of the warm spells of February in-between any rain, so our gardens — as well as our hearts — may enjoy the uplifting and regenerative benefits of the Easter season!

Our neighbours celebrations

One of the interesting traditions of our neighbouring benefice at St Barnabas Southdown and St Peter's at Englishcombe is their Good Friday 'Walk of Witness' where the congregations carry crosses from their three individual churches and process to the top of Round Hill Southdown and erect them there. Watch out for them on the skyline as you pass by, just after Haycombe Cemetery.

Bath Spa University

A very special treat this month: a performance of Handel's Messiah at the Michael Tippet Centre on Wed 17th April at 7.30 pm. All very welcome — tickets (only £10 each) can be [booked here](#).

Bath Business School

The Business School in partnership with Netitude invite you to a Creative Networking event focusing on Cyber Security for SMEs. At The Commons, Friday 10th May from 7 - 10.30 pm. All welcome to this free event, book by [clicking here](#). Lots of prior notice, but this is an important subject often overlooked by SMEs.

Rory's Reminders

Recycling collections every Friday: please put your recycling in the appropriate bins and put them out by 8 pm the previous evening

Fortnightly refuse collections (in your black wheelie bins) on Friday 5th April and Friday April 19th.

Fortnightly garden waste collections (in your green wheelie bins) on Friday 12th April and 26th April

The recycling centres in Bath and at Pixash lane are open weekdays from 8 through 4 pm, on Saturdays from 9 through 3.45pm, and on Sundays from 9 through 1 pm.

Mobile Library

New times: 15.25 - 15.35, outside the Village Shop, on Apr 9th and 23rd

May Day committee

Have been very busy preparing for this year's May Day celebrations which will take place on Bank Holiday Monday, May 6th. See separate article for details of this event, the first of its kind in the North East Somerset calendar

News about our Newsletter distribution

If you haven't signed up already to get your own email copy of this monthly newsletter, please simply send an email to newtonstloenewsletter@gmail.com

Printed copies are available for collection should you wish one — either in the church, at the village hall or from the Lodge.

The new three parish benefice bi-monthly newsletter SCAN is being delivered to all households for the beginning of April.

Meanwhile, if you have received this newsletter but know of neighbours who have not, please ask them to send me a message [here](#) asking to be added to the distribution list. If they don't have email, it would be much appreciated if you could print out a copy for them and drop it round. The good volunteers at Connecting Generations will also be very happy to show people how to download this on to a tablet or similar — just call in on their next session.

News from the Village Hall

No events planned this month. Everyone is very busy preparing for the major fund-raising event of the year — Newton St Loe's own May Day Fayre.

Forthcoming events at the Farm Shop

Easter Hours:

Good Friday and Saturday 08.30 – 5pm
Closed Easter Sunday
Easter Monday 10am – 4pm

Living Wreath Workshop – Thursday 18th April – 10am – 12 noon £45

With handfuls of beautiful British grown fresh flowers, and the friendly guidance of Sarah Wilson, you will learn how to create a spectacular living wreath. Includes refreshments, tuition, materials, equipment and moss wreath.

Fused Glass Workshop – Thursday 25th April – 10am – 1pm - £45

Looking for a new hobby? Then join Jo Eddleston on her amazing fused glass workshop. Jo will introduce you to the skills and techniques you need to create a stunning curved glass candle cover, a window hanging or glass frame. You will work with a range of frit and a kaleidoscope of pretty glass. Includes refreshments, tuition, equipment, materials and the pieces you create on the day.

News from the May Day Fayre committee

The plan is for this year's May Day celebrations to be bigger and better than ever, and a committee of very hard working folk have been poring over plans for this year's event for many months.

The event will be taking place on May 6th, and all proceeds will be ploughed back into the village split evenly between the Church, Registered Members Club and Village Hall. Format will be broadly similar to previous years with stalls, rides, dog show, BBQ and cream teas available, we may even have a few musicians from BSU playing!

We really hope that villagers will come along and enjoy the event helping to ensure its continuing success.

Assistance from Residents would be really welcomed if:

Cars are parked off the road by the Sunday evening, this is for all areas of the village. Alternative off street parking is available in the yard to the rear of Home Farm

If access is required on the day for any reason could contact be made with the committee on nslmayday@gmail.com or 01225 465973

Volunteers are always welcomed - same contact details as above.

There will be a cake sale on the day - all donations will be gratefully received.

News from Connecting Generations

Our next Newton St Loe meeting will be on Wed 17th April at 2.30 pm in the new location of the farm shop cafe. We are also encouraging neighbours from Corston and Englishcombe to join us

This year, the team continue to be in great demand at St John's Hospice in Bath, as well as now at Stratton House in Lower Weston. We are expanding to a number of other care homes in Bath this spring, and locally are looking at combining our rural village program with requests we have in Corston.

Currently we have an excess of volunteers over people wanting help, so are keen to get the message out to a wider audience. Please get in touch if you can help, or come along to our next session.

News from the Parish Council

Your parish clerk, Crispin Taylor, particularly asks the newsletter to stress that, with council elections taking place on Thursday 2nd May, almost anyone aged 18 or over living or working in or near Newton St Loe — including staff and residents of Bath Spa University — is eligible to stand. The parish council is not party political and is very keen to encourage diversity in its membership.

Details of the election process are at <https://newtonstloe-pc.gov.uk/2019-elections/> The deadline for delivering nominations to the Returning Officer at Bath and North East Somerset Council is 4 p.m. on Wednesday 3 April. So there is still time! Anyone thinking about standing for election, or nominating a candidate, is welcome to contact the Clerk, Crispin Taylor, on 07443 583695 for further information.

Parish councils are the first tier of local government. They raise money from people in the parish by levying a parish precept which is collected as part of your property rates. They spend that money to provide services which they judge to be of importance to the parish community. As representatives of the first tier of local government and the closest to their communities, local councillors are best placed to engage with their residents and find out what the real local issues are and how to overcome them.

News from our bellringers

Two Newton St Loe ringers, Robert Perry and Nicki Lang were very pleased to be chosen as part of a team from Somerset to take part in the National 12 bell striking contest. We were fortunate to be drawn to ring in the eliminator taking place at the beautiful St Mary Redcliffe in Bristol which houses 12 bells, the heaviest weighing 50 cwt. We were up against very tough competition including the previous winners Birmingham, the home band from Bristol and the team from St Paul's Cathedral, London. Six teams took part in the eliminator on 23rd March and the top three will go forward to the finals at Exeter Cathedral in June.

We rang our set test piece without a mistake and were absolutely thrilled to finish in a very creditable fourth place, just behind St Paul's Cathedral. Although we didn't get through to the finals, the judges made some really constructive comments about our test piece of ringing and it gives us pointers to work on for next time. This is an extremely high standard of ringing marked, not only by two very experienced judges but aided by a 'strikeometer' known as 'Hawk Ear' which is a piece of computer equipment able to measure each strike of each bell and the distances between them so there really is 'nowhere to hide!'

Readers of the newsletter can hear our super bellringers 'at work' work for themselves — just [click here](#).



It was a fantastic day out with some splendid ringing and people travelled from near and far to visit the church to listen. We are all looking forward to competing again next year.

News from Bath Spa University

Handels' Messiah, sung by the University Choir



The University Choir will be performing Handel's 'Messiah' in the main hall of the Michael Tippett Centre on the Newton St Loe campus, on Wednesday 17th April,

7.30. Tickets cost £10, and are available to buy online on the BathSpaLive website: <https://www.bathspalive.com/Online/default.asp>. Neighbours are warmly invited to join our University Chamber Choir for this much-loved Easter oratorio, one of the greatest choral compositions.

What a Load of Rubbish!



A group of second and third year design students from Bath Spa University have developed some innovative domestic waste solutions as part of a challenge set by Bristol Waste. Through its partnership with the University, the company tasked the students with designing a means for storing waste or recycling, to address the issue of wheelie bins and recycling boxes that are permanently housed on the street, obstructing pavements and attracting vermin.

The students came up with a series of designs: a good example of how the University links the students' learning to real world challenges and issues.

All Write



'Paper Nations' a creative partnership led by Bath Spa University's Research Centre for Transnational Creativity and Education and funded by Arts Council England is calling on members of the public to help fill its online searchable map of Writing Opportunities and Organisations in the South West.

Paper Nations is reaching out to writers, arts organisations, community groups, educators, publishers, and anyone who acts as an advocate for writing in the South West, to share information about writing organisations, events and opportunities in their area that are open to those of all ages. Paper Nations will then collate the information and create an interactive, searchable online map and events calendar, which is due to be published at the end of April. To take part and feature a project, visit www.papernations.org.

'SPA' Week fun



Last month the University held its second 'SPA' week: SPA standing for 'Special Projects and Activities'. These weeks, held twice a year, see most lessons suspended, and students and staff encouraged to join in other activities to widen their experience, meet new people, explore the campus, and have some relaxing and educational fun.

The week included over 100 different activities arranged and attended by students and staff, including CPR training, an International Food Festival, careers workshops, some on-site investigations alongside the Bath & County Archaeological Society, a number of

visiting speakers, music-making, IT skills training sessions, and even a Staff v. Student 'Family Fortunes' Quiz – which the students won.

News from the Newton St Loe and the Three Parishes Benefice Choir — If you enjoy singing, why not come along to a singing workshop?

Come along (no experience necessary) to a workshop run by Anna Bernard and Penny Cowman to be held at Corston Church on Saturday April 6th from noon to 2.30 pm (light lunch provided). The plan is to seek interest in establishing a benefice choir for special events — from the churches in Saltford, Corston and Newton St Loe — to sing a few times each year in the different churches.

Holy Trinity Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting

The APCM will be held this year on Thursday April 11th starting at 7.30 pm in the church. All welcome to attend, but you need to be on the church electoral roll to vote.

Bill Pawson returns to Newton St Loe

Many of you remember Bill Pawson and his wife, Audrey, residents of the Lodge at Newton St Loe for nearly half a century.

Bill will be 'returning' to NSL on Sunday 7th April, where a memorial service will be held as part of the 11.15 am service. This will be followed by an interment of his ashes alongside his dearly beloved wife Audrey

Wendy and family hope very much that all their friends and neighbours from Newton St Loe will be able to join them for this last goodbye.

News for dog-walkers — give a dog a drone



It is the latest accessory for the busy dog owner: a drone that walks your pet.

The Drone Dog Walker has a microphone and a camera, allowing the owner to talk to their dog as the drone walks it. The device, being sold by Thumbs Up for £200, also has leash control technology in case the dog gets carried away.

What the publicity material fails to mention is that the device comes with a number of audio bolt-ons. One of them, the de luxe Richmond Walker, has a recording of a loud, middle-class voice shouting (some would say despairingly) "Fenton! Fenton!" after the viral clip. Other names are available on request.

An advanced version can freeze-dry any messes left by the dog, pop them into a plastic bag and then dispose of them. Trials were not without mishap. One early model scooped up the dog and dropped it into the nearest bin. The press release also failed to mention some of the difficulties encountered during testing due to the different weights of the dogs. The motor, which was engineered to be capable of restraining a hungry labrador that has spotted a bag of sausages, was so powerful that when it was used on anything smaller than a shih tzu it had a propensity not so much to take the dog for a walk as to give it an impromptu flying lesson. Four peekapoos and a pomeranian ended snagged in trees, while the owner of a toy poodle claimed it was carried off over Hampstead Heath.

The manufacturers said that such mishaps were simply the result of teething troubles and insisted that drone walking would soon become a familiar sight in parks and on pavements. They added that devices could even result in fitter dogs because pets would no longer have to contend with owners who stopped to gossip or sat down to read the paper.

Some interesting events in and around our neighbourhood during April



Easter egg Hunt Grab a free map and head off around the City in search of our beautifully decorated eggs! You might win one of a number of great prizes, including tickets to the egg and this year's Theatre Royal Pantomime, Beauty and the Beast.

Maps will be available from the egg café and the egg locations between 13 April – 12 May. It's free to enter, but we'd be thrilled if you could make a small donation when you drop in your completed map at the special post box in the egg café (or post to: Anji Henderson, Theatre Royal Bath, Sawclose, Bath BA1 1ET). All money raised will go towards the egg theatre's bursary fund and accessibility fund



Bath Rugby Club The Bath Rugby skills clinics are lead by members of Bath Rugby's first team supported by Bath Rugby's Community department. The clinics are designed to delve into specific rugby skills sets and explore how these can be applied in the game. The players will be on hand to share some of their own methods and techniques so participants to take away the tools to develop their skills in the game.



17 April 2019 - Meet Peter Rabbit at the Royal Mint Experience:

Peter Rabbit will be visiting us on 17 April 2019 and you can meet him as a free extra with all guided factory tours booked on this date. The meet and greet will take place in a separate area and you can choose to meet Peter Rabbit either before or after your tour (please allow up to 90 minutes per tour).

Get in touch: let me know what you'd like to see in the newsletter and send info to:

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